Foreign direct investment (FDI) in the United States strengthens U.S. manufacturing. International companies have created 62 percent of all new U.S. manufacturing jobs in the past five years. Since supplier companies locate nearby to furnish manufacturers with materials, component parts, and various support services, foreign investment in manufacturing provides significant employment spillovers. Over 20 percent of the manufacturing workforce in the United States is employed by an international company.

Largest Industry for International Investment
Rising to $1.7 trillion in 2018, manufacturing investment accounted for almost half of cumulative FDI in the United States.

Chemicals Rank First in FDIUS Manufacturing
Within the U.S. manufacturing sector, chemicals received $814 billion in cumulative FDI by the end of 2018. Seventy-five percent of that was in pharmaceuticals and medicines. Food and transportation industries both accounted for more than $100 billion through last year. Machinery is another sector greatly benefiting from FDI. Over the years, international investors have enhanced the overall competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing.

States with the Highest Concentration of FDI Jobs in the Manufacturing Sector
Nearly two-thirds of the jobs at international companies in South Dakota are in the manufacturing sector. Michigan, Nebraska, Arkansas, Alabama and Indiana also have a high concentration of FDI jobs in the manufacturing sector.

Hundreds of Thousands Employed in the Manufacturing Sector
Out of the top ten states with the most FDI employment in the manufacturing sector, eight boast more than 100,000 U.S. jobs. California, Texas and Michigan have the most manufacturing jobs at international companies.

Strengthening America's Industrial Base
According to the latest available data, international manufacturers in the United States:
• Generate $1.7 trillion in U.S. sales,
• Invest $102 billion to modernize property, plant and equipment in the United States,
• Support a U.S. payroll of $228 billion,
• Support nearly 2.5 million manufacturing jobs.