



Congressman LaHood  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman LaHood,

The Defense Production Act funding originally provided via the Department of Defense and now managed via a contract with the Department of Health and Human Services was critical to enabling US Medical Glove to fulfill its mission of firmly establishing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) manufacturing capacity here within the United States.

Without this funding, it would have taken significantly longer for US Medical Glove to achieve this goal, leaving our country reliant upon lower-quality goods sourced from foreign manufacturing facilities around the world.

The federal funding and partnership between US Medical Glove and these federal agencies has resulted in a business capable of innovative end-to-end US manufacturing of nitrile and surgical gloves. These items are critical to the health, safety, and well-being of all Americans.

But this story goes much farther than simply being the tale of a humble company within the heart of Chicago in McHenry County, Illinois. The success of US Medical Glove reflects what can happen when the US Government invests in private sector industrialization with the goal of reinvigorating manufacturing here on US soil. It is also a tale of US innovation in engineering driven by US entrepreneurs and a US labor force, which has allowed the country to reclaim the ability to produce critical equipment within the nation's borders.

US Medical Glove, supported by federal funding, has engineered and built nitrile glove manufacturing machines unlike any others in use around the world. These machines consume eleven times less water and ten times less energy than those of competitors, making them the most energy efficient and sustainable glove machines in the world. Additionally, US Medical Glove developed a tactical machine capable of rapid deployment to any location globally within 10 days. This is truly remarkable.

This collaboration between the US Government and the Private Sector is proof that the US can and will be a leader in domestic manufacturing once again. Those charged with managing the Strategic

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National Stockpile need to be aware of these types of collaborations so that they understand the ever-expanding options that the Government now has available to replenish its supplies and to meet the needs of US citizens by providing high quality (IIJA with waiver-compliant) and home-grown consumables. The US Government is also creating much needed jobs and opportunities for our citizens by investing in businesses like US Medical Glove.

I would encourage all stakeholders to support the reinvigoration of US manufacturing and engineering and continue to focus on the PPE industry as well as the industries of steel, paper, and semiconductors.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

US Medical Glove