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Manufacturers Fight Online Sale of Counterfeit and Pirated Goods to Protect Jobs

House Introduces Legislation to Address Rogue Websites

Washington, D.C., October 26, 2011 - National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Director of Technology Policy Brian Raymond issued the following statement today on the introduction of the Stop Online Piracy Act (H.R. 3261) in the House:

"The sale of counterfeit and pirated goods on rogue websites costs thousands of manufacturing jobs across America each year and puts countless more at risk. With a high unemployment rate and a struggling economy, this threat has to be eliminated.

House Judiciary Chairman Lamar Smith (R-TX) has introduced legislation to deal with rogue sites by enhancing the government's ability to defend against the theft of intellectual property and to punish those who commit such crimes and profit from the efforts of manufacturers. The NAM will continue to advocate for the protection of intellectual property, manufacturing and the workers who help drive our economy."

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