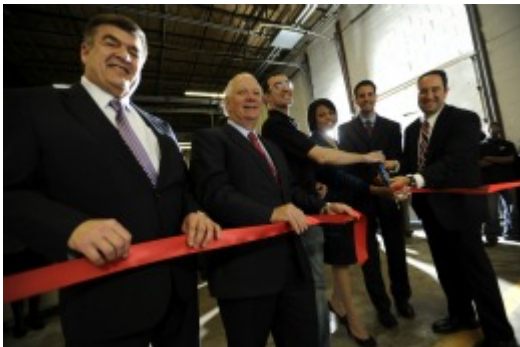




My visit to Marlin Steel

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Yesterday, I had the privilege of visiting [Marlin Steel in Baltimore](#), which was recently named one of the fastest-growing inner city companies in the country. A new American-made laser is responsible for some of that growth, and [company president Drew Greenblatt](#) tells me the new business will soon lead to new jobs.



That's great news for Marlin Steel, great news for Baltimore and great news for Maryland! Drew Greenblatt also tells me that, last week, this [new laser cut stainless steel parts that will be used on a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier](#). It also made electrical equipment that will be used by the National Security Agency. So, Marlin Steel is also helping to keep our nation safe!

The United States is still the largest global manufacturing economy thanks to companies like Marlin Steel. Manufacturers perform half of all the research and development in the nation, driving more innovation than any other sector. They also support 1 of every 6 private sector jobs in America.



That will only grow as we work to reach the President's goal to double [exports](#). It's one of the keys to ending this recession. We need a strong trade policy with fewer barriers and lower taxes. We also need a fair international currency playing field that doesn't benefit countries like China at the cost of American jobs. We also have to update our export control system.

These are some of the things I will be working on in Congress during the upcoming session.

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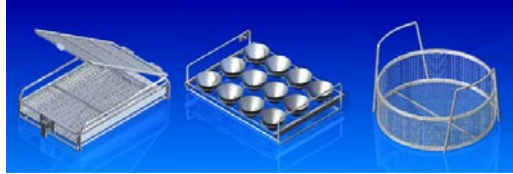
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