**AFS:  Sample Congressional Meeting Thank You Notes – 2018**NOTE:  Email Thank You Letters

 **HOUSE - Sample Thank You Letter**

Dear Representative [**Last Name**]:     OR     **Staff First Name:**

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me on May 16, 2018 during the American Foundry Society (AFS) Metalcasting Day on the Hill. As I mentioned, our [foundry or company] has been in business since [**insert date or years**] and employs [**# of employees**]. We produce the following castings [**list types of castings**] for [**list sectors you supply**]. [If supplier – describe what you supply to the foundry industry.]

During our meeting, I noted the following issues of particular importance to our company and the U.S. metalcasting industry:

1. **OSHA’s Crystalline Silica Rule –** OSHA published a new regulatory structure for the control of crystalline respirable silica which goes into effect in June 2018. Foundries are required to exhaust all feasible engineering and work practice controls in meet all the new provisions of the rule. Despite major investments in new controls, our facility will still not be able to meet the strict permissible exposure limits and ancillary provisions in all areas of our plant. **We urge you to sign onto the House letter led by Reps. Huizenga (MI) and Byrne (AL) by Wednesday, May 23 requesting OSHA to delay enforcement of the silica rule for 180 days. Contact** palmer.rafferty@mail.house.gov or miriam.fry@mail.house.gov.
2. **Castings are Critical to our Nation’s Infrastructure –** 40% of metalcasting production is dedicated to infrastructure, with 3 million tons of infrastructure-related castings produced annually. AFS supports broad-based investment in the expansion and modernization of the nation’s infrastructure network –

transportation, water, energy, and communications infrastructure. Our industry and economy need reliable infrastructure to connect supply chains and efficiently move goods and services to remain competitive.

1. **Fair Trade for U.S. Metalcasters –** Imported castings now comprise nearly 25% of the U.S. marketplace, with China as the largest foreign source. We urge the Congress and the administration to: strictly enforce our trade laws and agreements against dumping and subsidies; explore all avenues to make existing trade laws more accessible to supply chain industries affected by trade distortions, including metalcasting; and, address China’s unfair trade practices and continue to treat China as a non-market economy.
2. ANY OTHER ISSUES HERE – Workforce Shortage

**[MEMBER]** I look forward to working with you and your staff. Should you have questions about any of these priority issues, my company or our industry, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or the American Foundry Society’s Washington Office - 202/452-7135 – ssalmon@afsinc.org

**OR**

**[STAFF]** I look forward working with you and the Representative on key issues affecting my company and our industry. In the meantime, if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or our industry’s Washington Office (202-452-7135 – ssalmon@afsinc.org).

Sincerely,

**Name, Title
Company – Email and/or Phone Number**

 **Senate - Sample Thank You Letter**

Dear Senator [**Last Name**]:                          OR                                                   **Staff First Name:**

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