

ABS joins AGMA and ABMA in strategic meetings in Washington, D.C.

Advancing U.S. industrial policy, strategic independence, and global leadership.

Néstor Belso, Global Supply Chain Manager at ABS, represented the company as part of the delegation from the American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA) and the American Bearing Manufacturers Association (ABMA)—currently in the process of merging to form the Motion Power Manufacturers Association (MPMA), on whose Board of Directors ABS actively serves—during a strategic two-day initiative in Washington, D.C.

Throughout the mission, the AGMA/ABMA delegation held high-level meetings with congressional offices and senior officials from key federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The discussions focused on advocating for policies that strengthen domestic manufacturing and reinforce the resilience, strategic independence, and global leadership of the U.S. industrial base. Topics addressed included trade and tariff policy, innovation and advanced manufacturing, support for SMEs, workforce development, and key regulatory issues such as export-import controls, product dumping, and intellectual property protection.

A key outcome of the visit was the Department of Commerce's formal request for the AGMA and ABMA delegation to submit a proposal outlining how the industry can help build a more resilient and competitive U.S. industrial base, with reduced strategic dependence on China.



At the office of Senator Tina Smith (Minnesota), where Jim Bregi led the conversation on behalf of his home state, addressing key topics including U.S. manufacturing, tariffs, trade, and workforce development.



During a meeting with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, receiving valuable guidance on product dumping, intellectual property protection, and export-import controls.

Representing a strategically vital industry, gears and bearings stood at the center of the conversation in Washington—ensuring their voice is heard in shaping the industrial and manufacturing policy needed to secure global leadership.

ABS contributed its global perspective and expertise in supply chain strategy throughout the discussions, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening the industry and actively supporting the decisions that will define the future of advanced manufacturing in the United States.



At the office of Representative Bill Huizenga (Michigan), during a conversation with Alec Daman, Senior Legislative Assistant at the U.S. House of Representatives.



A productive meeting with the office of Senator Tim Scott from South Carolina, where we discussed tariffs, trade, workforce, and the challenges impacting our industries.



Meeting with Alex Krutz, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the ITA Commerce team to discuss and collaborate on key manufacturing priorities.