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I welcome you to review the information from my recent weekly commentaries and ask that you share this information with others.

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New Graduates Are Seriously Affected!



During this graduation season I had the pleasure to speak with both high school and college graduates who recognize the urgency to restore jobs in the U.S.A. **In 2015, several million high school and college graduates are seeking job opportunities.**

From what I hear, many graduates have found jobs in the field that they were seeking, but millions of others have not been that fortunate. Expanding businesses that can offer more jobs for Americans of all ages is a goal every American consumer should be striving for. Seeking out products made in America has helped us slow down the loss of jobs, but we have a long way to reach our goals.

Today, more Americans are looking closely at labels because they see that cheaper imports may have benefited some people in the short run, but in the long run, too many imports have hurt America's manufacturing base, American workers and America's economy. Our supporters understand that only when the American people are fully employed would outsourcing jobs around the world be able to be justified to America's graduates and unemployed Americans. At this point restoring manufacturing in the U.S.A. is a must, so we can return to being a full service economy which makes, sells and services at least 50% of everything sold in America.

The bottom line is that **using your purchasing power to support American made products will help America's graduates and American workers across the board.** I urge you to seek out American made products and not miss an opportunity to speak up in support of American made and American workers everywhere you shop. Not until there are more jobs than job seekers in the U.S.A. should we support businesses that are not offering a reasonable balance between American made and imported products.

Help Make Positive Changes Continue!

As more jobs become available in America, **it's time to look at the types of jobs being offered.** New workers are being hired to replace those retiring and new jobs are becoming available as the economy improves. **Every new job is important** but we particularly need to focus on jobs that will help restore both manufacturing and a growing number of products with made in America labels.

After years of watching jobs relocate overseas the American people are united behind efforts to expand a growing made in America economy. **For over 30 years national and local leaders and school boards did not acknowledge the importance of upgrading job skill classes** in our schools needed to keep America's industries both operational and growing. As America's population grew, we heard about the projected shortage of traditional skilled workers, but very little was done to address the problem. **For 30 years instead of increasing the Trades and Industrial Arts classes, junior and senior high schools cut back on Vocational Education Programs** and now the average age of skilled craftsmen in America is between 55 and 65 years of age. That means **we're in a growing skilled workers crisis** as thousands of skilled workers retire every year.

As America's taxpayers, it's up to us to make sure America's elected leaders and local school boards know that **our students must be exposed to all levels of future job possibilities** during their junior and high school years.

America's businesses need more graduates with some level of hands-on career-related experiences that will make them more employable as more jobs are created in America.

There Has Been No Break In Our Campaign!

Back in the Spring and Summer of 2010, I was pleased to report that we generated the support of millions who were going out of their way to promote the **Buy American Made Campaign.**

Five years ago, I outlined how I made it a point to shop for American Made Products at both local and major retail stores where I saw that imported products far outnumbered those being made in the U.S.A. **Today, as I go shopping, I see some improvements** and I continue to speak with managers and sales personnel so they know their customers want a larger selection of items made in America.

After years of watching business owners manufacture products abroad, doing business in America has been changing. **Today America's consumers have experienced unemployment** and a shrinking purchasing power. Today, business owners are finding themselves with more inventory and less sales mainly because **Americans without jobs are limited to what they can buy** no matter where the products are made. Additionally, Americans see the service-oriented jobs are not in demand so it's important to get back to manufacturing at least one competitive American made product for every foreign made product sold in America.



We have made some major progress in promoting manufacturing in the U.S.A., but in the process we came to realize that knocking down is easier than building up and that the challenge to restore a 50/50 balance between what is manufactured and sold in America is a slow but very important mission. Help support of efforts by purchasing more items made, assembled, serviced and sold in America so that our businesses remain stable and have reasons to grow.

There Has Been No Break In Our Campaign to restore JOBS and JOB skills, and with your help we will continue to make more positive changes come about.

Is This Another Trade Agreement That Will Hurt America?

The United States Government has entered into several trade agreements over the years with nations from around the world. However, I see the need to focus on maintaining the jobs that we have for American workers and insure that more jobs are created in America at all times.

The "WTO" World Trade Organization (began many years ago and was expanded in 1995) NAFTA, The North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement (was enacted in January, 1994) CAFTA, Central America Free Trade Agreement (was enacted in 2005)



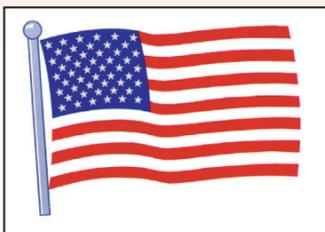
As a result of these agreements, I have seen more businesses and industries move out of America, while we are in need of expanding jobs here in the U.S.A. I am concerned that the newest trade agreement being discussed "**The Trans-Pacific Partnership**" will be **another loss of jobs for American workers.**

In the last 20 years trade agreements have expanded while America's working age and able-bodied people lack the full and part-time jobs they need to support themselves.

Recently, I decided to call Washington to ask questions about the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement under consideration by national elected leaders in Washington, I was told that Trade negotiations are conducted in private so that the parties involved can have a meaningful dialogue until they want their positions public. I was told The Trans-Pacific Partnership parties have a CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT requiring them to share proposals only with "government officials and individuals who are part of the government's domestic trade advisory process." I don't understand why they need a CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT. How do the taxpayers and American workers know in advance how an agreement of this type will affect their lives and the well-being of America?

In order to **make sure NATIONAL ELECTED LEADERS know your concerns, contact them** this week and **urge them not to vote for agreements** that are not in the best interest of American workers. I feel **an agreement of this type should be on a NATIONAL Referendum** so America's voters can make a **YES or NO decision** on such an important issue.

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