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**Press Release:**

## **Georgia-Pacific workers fund Koch brothers' politics!**

**March 2011** - G-P rejected a status-quo package from the Machinists Union for workers at Koch Industries owned Plywood Mill in Crossett Arkansas. They offered a counter proposal that would reduce the average family's disposable income by 17-30%. Included in this package was a health insurance plan that was both more expensive and provided less coverage than the existing plan.

Koch industries reportedly earn more than 10 billion dollars a year.

According to Kelvin Godwin, President of IAMAW DL W-2, "It is hard to swallow knowing that the Koch brothers are taking money out of the pockets of woodworkers earning less than \$30,000 a year and putting that money and millions more into political causes that are endangering our democracy and making America look like a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country. We have members who are eligible for food stamps and the Koch brothers want to degrade our health insurance."

The average wage for IAM members at the Crossett GP plant are 25% lower in real dollars than they were 20 years ago. The company is demanding unlimited overtime, and a draconian dismissal policy.

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