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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 600,000 active and retired members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM Union), **I write to urge you to cosponsor and support the “Fair Trade for Working Families Resolution,”** submitted today by Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT). This is an urgently needed piece of trade policy reform that reemphasizes the commitment of Congress **to support and put forward a trade policy that will support workers, consumers, businesses, and our national security and self-sufficiency.**

For far too long, American trade policy has centered corporate interests at the expense of working families and their communities. Since 1994, over 70,000 U.S. factories have closed, resulting in the loss of manufacturing jobs—including good-paying union-represented jobs. This decimates the communities that rely on these jobs, while allowing greedy corporations to offshore these jobs to low-wage labor markets—ultimately putting profits over people and pitting workers against each other in a race to the bottom. Our own Union has recently seen this first-hand with the [offshoring](#) of [Whirlpool jobs](#) from [Amana, Iowa](#) to [Mexico](#), leaving hundreds of workers without a job during an economic environment of great uncertainty and rising unaffordability.

A weak trade approach that does not center the American workforce is also a threat to national security. The more we are forced to rely on supply chains from other nations, the more risks we face to continue to maintain strong domestic production.

That is why your support for this upcoming resolution is so crucial. It calls for eliminating erratic imposition and removal of tariffs that create economic uncertainty for companies and workers alike. It calls for cutting incentives for companies to offshore their jobs by including strong labor standards and rules of origin with decisive enforcement mechanisms. And it recommits Congress’ intent to fully fund the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program to help workers who lose jobs to offshoring—through no fault of their own—to train and learn and reenter the workforce.

The priorities of working families must be front and center in trade negotiations—particularly with respect to labor, wages, safety, and other standards. **That is why I urge you to cosponsor and support the “Fair Trade for Working Families Resolution” by Representative DeLauro.** While more reforms are needed, this is a very needed first step in the right direction to protecting the American workforce. To cosponsor this resolution, please contact Nikhil Srinivasan at Representative DeLauro’s office at (202) 225-3661 or Nikhil.Srinivasan@mail.house.gov.

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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Bryant".

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