

FIXING AMERICA'S ECONOMY: ENSURING GOOD JOBS, PROSPERITY & SECURITY

America's international economic policies threaten our prosperity and national security. These policies have handicapped domestic manufacturing, service providers, farmers and workers leading to massive trade deficits, stagnant wages, the loss of millions of manufacturing jobs, a dangerous erosion of our industrial base, a long-term decline in our food and agriculture trade surplus, and the unprecedented transfer of trillions of dollars of American wealth offshore.

The trade deficit is a major cause of today's financial crisis. It undermines family-sustaining jobs and investment in productive assets, fostering a debt-driven economy dangerously dependent upon foreign borrowing. Because U.S. policies have betrayed too many American workers and families by offshoring their jobs and destroying their communities, we are endangering the retirement security and health care of this generation of workers and squandering our children's futures. Without immediate fundamental change, America's standard of living is at risk.

Fixing America's international economic policy, therefore, must be the top priority for the next administration. Smart action to boost production and reduce the trade deficit will create millions of new jobs, restore healthy growth, and strengthen national security. This will require investing in America, creating incentives for corporations to keep jobs here and to bring others home, and reducing reliance on foreign sources for energy, critical inputs, capital, and even food.

For these reasons, we the undersigned, many of whom represent U.S. producers and workers from diverse sectors, seek commitments from candidates of all parties that they will:

- **SUPPORT** policies that promote American interests by requiring full reciprocity, fairness, and transparency in all U.S. trade agreements, including in such areas as labor and environmental standards.
- **SUPPORT** actions to combat the illegal, mercantilist practice of prolonged currency misalignment, including legislation to make it actionable under U.S. trade law.
- **SUPPORT** aggressive enforcement of U.S. laws to halt foreign illegal trade activities such as dumping, subsidies and intellectual property theft. In addition, U.S. policy must ensure that all goods sold here meet U.S. food and product safety standards.
- **SUPPORT** the elimination of tax disadvantages which undermine the competitiveness of U.S. producers both at home and abroad or which discourage investment in America.
- **SUPPORT** a comprehensive strategy to reduce U.S. dependence on imported energy.

SIGNATORIES

As of October 24, 2008

National, State, and Local Organizations (in alphabetical order) – 46

1. AFL-CIO Industrial Union Council
2. American Corn Growers Association
3. American Foundry Society
4. American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI)
5. American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition (AMTAC)
6. American Mold Builders Association (AMBA)
7. Coalition for a Prosperous America (CPA)
8. Coalition for a Prosperous America, Colorado Chapter
9. Cold Finished Steel Bar Institute
10. Colorado Springs Manufacturing Task Force
11. Committee on Pipe and Tube Imports (CPTI)
12. Congregational Action to Lift Lives (C.A.L.L.) – Erie, PA
13. Copper and Brass Fabricators Council
14. Hand Tools Institute
15. JobsFirst.org - Bluefields, WV
16. Kansas Farmers Union
17. Manufacturers Assoc. of South Central Pennsylvania
18. Mesa County Cattlemen's Association (CO)
19. Metals Service Center Institute (MSCI)
20. Mississippi Livestock Markets Association
21. National Association for Surface Finishing
22. National Council of Textile Organizations (NCTO)
23. National Farmers Union (NFU)
24. National Textile Association (NTA)
25. National Tooling and Machining Association
26. Nebraska Farmers Union
27. North American Die Casting Association
28. Northwest PA Cooperation Council (Mercer County)
29. Ohio Farmers Union
30. OK-SAFE, Inc. (Oklahomans for Sovereignty and Free Enterprise)
31. Oregon Livestock Producers Association
32. Organization for Competitive Markets (OCM)
33. Penn Action - Philadelphia, PA
34. Pennsylvania Coalition to End Homelessness
35. Pennsylvania Farmers Union
36. Prospective Homeowners Association - Pasadena, CA
37. Ranchers and Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United Stockgrowers of America (R-CALF USA)
38. Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
39. South Dakota Stockgrowers Association
40. Specialty Steel Industry of North America
41. Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA)
42. Tooling & Manufacturing Association (Illinois)
43. Tooling, Manufacturing, and Technologies Association (TMTA)

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44. United States Industrial Fabrics Institute (USIFI)
45. U.S. Business and Industry Council (USBIC)
46. Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

Producers and Service Providers – 100

1. A.B. Heller, Inc. Milford, MI
2. A.B. Steel Mill, Inc. Cincinnati, OH
3. Accum-matic Systems Inc. Livonia, MI
4. Acorn Stamping Oxford, MI
5. Allegheny Technologies Incorporated Pittsburgh, PA
6. Alton Steel Alton, IL
7. Ameritech Die & Mold, Inc. Mooresville, NC
8. Ameritech Die & Mold South, Inc. Ormond Beach, FL
9. Apex Broach Warren, MI
10. Arcelor Mittal Steel Chicago, IL
11. Arkansas Steel Associates, LLC Newport, AR
12. Augenstein Gee Properties Grand Ledge, MI
13. Avon Broach & Production Company Rochester Hills, MI
14. Bayou Steel Corp. LaPlace, LA
15. Bedford Machine and Tool Inc. Bedford, IN
16. Bermar Associates Inc. Troy, MI
17. Beta Steel Corporation Portage, IN
18. Campbell Fittings Inc. Boyertown, PA
19. Cascade Steel Rolling Mills, Inc. McMinnville, OR
20. Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Corporation, Charlotte, NC
21. Charter Manufacturing Co. Mequon, WI
22. Chicago Heights Steel Chicago Heights, IL
23. CMC Americas Seguin, TX
24. Corey Steel Company Cicero, IL
25. Cranbrook Partners & Co. Troy, MI
26. Cranston Print Works Company Cranston, RI
27. Cummins-Alison Corporation Mt. Prospect, IL
28. Detroit Edge Tool Company Detroit, MI
29. Donsco, Inc. Wrightsville, PA
30. E&E Manufacturing Co., Inc. Plymouth, MI
31. Eklind Tool Company Franklin Park, IL
32. Evraz Rocky Mountain Steel Pueblo, CO
33. Finishes Ltd. Colorado Springs, CO
34. Fisher Barton Inc. Watertown, WI
35. Florida Farmers, Inc. Lake Worth, FL
36. Fredon Corporation Mentor, OH
37. Future Products Tool Corp. Clawson, MI
38. Gallatin Steel Ghent, KY
39. GenTek, Inc. Parsippany, NJ
40. Gerdau Ameristeel Tampa, FL
41. GH Cutter Services, Inc. Toledo, OH
42. Glenview State Bank Glenview, IL

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43. Haller International Technologies Incorporated	Detroit, MI
44. Hero Holdings LLC	St. Clair Shores, MI
45. Highland Industries, Inc.	Greensboro, NC
46. Hobson & Motzer, Inc.	Durham, CT
47. Jepson Precision Tool, Inc.	Cranesville, PA
48. Jersey Shore Steel Company	Jersey Shore, PA
49. Joint Production Technology, Inc.	Macomb, MI
50. Judy Augenstein and Associates	Lansing, MI
51. Kason Industries	Newnan, GA
52. KB Alloys LLC	Reading, PA
53. KCH Services Inc.	Forest City, NC
54. Keystone Steel and Wire Co.	Peoria, IL
55. Lapham-Hickey Steel Company	Chicago, IL
56. Larovan Enterprises	Mooresville, NC
57. Latrobe Specialty Steel	Latrobe, PA
58. LeTourneau Technologies	Longview, TX
59. Leonard Machine Tool Systems	Warren, MI
60. McDonald Steel Corporation	McDonald, OH
61. McNichols Company	Tampa, FL
62. MDM, Inc.	Colorado Springs, CO
63. Metal Technologies Inc.	Bedford, IN
64. Metal Technologies of Murfreesboro. Inc.	Murfreesboro, NC
65. Michigan Carbide Co.	Sterling Heights, MI
66. Mol-son, LLC	Mattawan, MI
67. North Resource	Georgetown, TX
68. North Star BlueScope Steel	Delta, OH
69. Nucor Corporation	Charlotte, NC
70. Penn United Technologies, Inc.	Butler, PA
71. Petrogen, Inc	Colorado Springs, CO
72. Precision Steel Warehouse, Inc.	Franklin Park, IL
73. Quality Bar Corporation	Struthers, OH
74. Qualtek Manufacturing, Inc.	Colorado Springs, CO
75. Ralph C. Wilson Agency, Inc.	Southfield, MI
76. Ranch Foods Direct	Colorado Springs, CO
77. Republic Engineered Products, Inc.	Akron, OH
78. Revere Copper Products, Inc.	Rome, NY
79. Romar Consulting, LLC	Granite Falls, NC
80. Saunders Thread Co.	Gastonia, NC
81. Smith Castings, Inc.	Kingsford, MI
82. Special Drill & Reamer Corporation	Madison Heights, MI
83. Spectrum Design Group, Inc.	Bryan, OH
84. SSAB	Lisle, IL
85. Steel Dynamics, Inc.	Ft. Wayne, IN
86. Steel Tool & Engineering	Taylor, MI
87. Sterling Steel Company, LLC	Sterling, IL
88. TAMCO Steel	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
89. Tech Molded Plastics	Meadville, PA
90. Technical Tool Supply South	Windsor, CT
91. The Shop Around the Corner	Cornelius, NC

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92. The Slane Company	Gahanna, OH
93. T&W Tool & Die Corporation	Oak Park, MI
94. United States Steel Corporation	Pittsburgh, PA
95. V&M Star	Youngstown, OH
96. Valentine Robotics, Inc.	Sterling Heights, MI
97. Vicount Industries, Inc.	Farmington Hills, MI
98. West Michigan Septic Sewer & Drain Service Inc.	Muskegon, MI
99. W. Silver, Inc.	El Paso, TX
100. Xcel Mold & Machine	North Canton, OH

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