

# Our Jobs Matter!



America's manufacturing base is being hollowed out and destroyed by trade deals and globalization. Good jobs and healthy communities are being sacrificed, yet our government still has no industrial policy. In the last two years more than 2 million manufacturing jobs have been lost. Over 725,000 textile and apparel workers have lost their jobs in the past 9 years!

Our jobs remain a core part of our economy, and are the backbone of our communities. Manufacturing jobs pay better than service sector jobs, and helped build the middle class, which fuels consumer spending and broader economic growth. We continue to be more productive than ever, yet our government continues to develop trade deals that undercut our competitiveness.

UNITE members support trade, and we know better than anyone that we live in a global economy. We want trade deals that will allow us to be competitive, while also protecting the rights of workers and our environment across the world.

**Call 1-800-648-3516 Today!**  
**Tell your Representative and Senators:**

- ❖ Vote no to any trade deal that does not have labor and environmental protections in the core of the agreement. UNITE opposes potential trade deals for Central America (CAFTA) Chile, and Singapore.
- ❖ Strengthen the Buy America provisions in the Berry Amendment to promote government and defense purchasing of products made here in the USA.
- ❖ Revise the tax laws to eliminate the incentives for corporations to move production overseas, and to promote tax incentives for companies to invest in modernization, job creation, and research to manufacture domestically.
- ❖ Take action to address the problem of the overvalued dollar, which puts U.S. based producers at an impossible competitive disadvantage.