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Senator Ted Ferrioli
900 Court St. NE S-223
Salem, OR 97301

Representative R. Thomas Butler
900 Court St. NE H-495
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Ferrioli and Representative Butler:

The Malheur County Court believes that trade agreements should be written in order to maximize the benefits and minimize the negative impacts of international trade so as to provide good, family-wage jobs for future generations.

Existing trade pacts like the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) have facilitated the offshoring of tens of thousands of Oregon jobs to foreign countries. This massive job loss has had a devastating impact on families throughout the state, and has crated ripple effects throughout the economy. Unfortunately, this may just be the tip of the iceberg. Economists predict that tens of millions of additional U.S. jobs are vulnerable to offshoring if these NAFTA-style trade deals continue to expand.

The Fast Tract trade policymaking process allowed NAFTA, the WTO and other harmful trade agreements to be rushed through Congress without the scrutiny of ordinary committee review, amendment and debate procedures. Fast Track expires on June 30, 2007.

We respectfully urge you to do all in your power to prevent Fast Track from being renewed or extended, and to seek out models for trade that raise living standards and provide good jobs in the United States.

Sincerely,

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT

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