

Town Hall Meeting on Trade

Agenda for the Community Forum to Discuss Outsourcing and Offshoring of State Jobs
Thursday, September 28th, 2008 – At the City Hall Forum Room, 222 Main Street, Beloit

1. Welcome and Introductions

Lillie Smith, Director of State Fair Trade Coalition, will give a brief overview of the meeting and goals, and then introduce guests and speakers.

2. Icebreaker: Fair Trade vs. Free Trade

Lori Wallaby is President of <local or state trade group>. She will ask members of the community to identify one promise they have been told about past trade agreements, or one item they remember from when the NAFTA or CAFTA agreements passed.

3. Focusing on Trade Policies That Matter (Recruit 3 to 5 from list below)

- ✓ Federal: Lori will analyze the Trade Act and Colombia FTA, and examine the differences between Obama Agenda and the McCain Agenda on trade issues.
- ✓ State: State Senator Judy Robertson, Author of Assembly Bill 555 (**The American Jobs Act**) will discuss the bill she introduced to require government procurement of American goods.
- ✓ Local: Sweat Free Student Coordinator Vicky Templeton will address procurement policies at the university.

Potential Speakers:

- ✓ Federal, State or Local Elected Official
- ✓ National Activist
- ✓ Government Worker
- ✓ Professor, or local Teacher
- ✓ Student

5. Local Panel: What's at Stake for Rock County? (Recruit 3 to 5 from list below)

Lillie Smith will introduce members of the panel, and ask them to discuss how outsourcing impacts their life and employment personally in Rock County.

Potential Speakers:

- ✓ Labor Leader
- ✓ Environmental Activist
- ✓ Farmer
- ✓ Religious Interfaith Leader

✔ Displaced Worker

✔ Woman Worker

7. How can we do to make a difference?

Lillie Smith leads a group discussion on the next steps the citizens of Rock County can take to stop outsourcing our future. We'll build a list of action items to shape how voters can better make educated decisions, and discuss what will work in Rock County, what won't work, and how to best get the word out.

8. Adjourn