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News Advisory

Green Bay to Hold Town Hall Meeting on Outsourcing Local Citizens Gather Sunday to Discuss Impact of Overseas Outsourcing

Green Bay, WI – With the election just six weeks away, voters will soon have to make a choice for President, and the outsourcing of Wisconsin jobs under current unfair trade agreements will play a key role. Economists predict 3.3 million more jobs will be outsourced overseas during the next decade, and since 2003, at least a dozen Green Bay area companies -- mostly in the paper industry -- lost more than 1200 Northeastern Wisconsin jobs due to outsourcing. Green Bay residents are coming together to stop outsourcing in the Fox Valley.

Where: Ballroom B1, at the K I Convention Center Complex at 333 Main Street in Green Bay

When: Sunday, September 26th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Who: Speakers Include

- Lori Wallach, National Director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch
- Jim Jontz, President Emeritus of Americans for Democratic Action
- Joan Davis, a Simmons factory worker from New London, whose plant is closing down and whose job is being shipped over to China
- Linda Smith, member of United Auto Workers, to discuss car dumping in the Korea FTA
- Rich Krieg, Green Bay environmentalist, to talk about the environmental implications of unfair trade agreements like the Panama FTA
- Bob O'Shannon, St. Rose Catholic Priest, who will discuss human right abuses in Colombia
- Local Fox Valley residents who will tell their stories about outsourcing

Why: Between March 2001 and January 2004, Wisconsin lost over 75,000 manufacturing jobs. Outsourcing is a pivotal issue in this national election, and the forum will shed light on how the current Bush unfair trade agenda impacts Northeastern Wisconsin. The town hall meeting will conclude by identifying future steps Fox Valley citizens can take to stop job outsourcing in Northeastern Wisconsin.

Driving Directions From Appleton & Oshkosh Fox Valley: Hwy 41 North to Hwy 172 East, exit onto Riverside Drive, turn right, (Riverside turns into Monroe Avenue) go to Main Street, turn left, we are 2 blocks on the right.

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Tip Sheet: Northeastern Wisconsin Job Loss from Outsourcing

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At least a dozen Green Bay area companies lost at least 1200 local jobs due to outsourcing since the beginning of 2003. The list comes from the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program, where groups that have lost jobs because of trade file applications for certification of eligibility with the <u>Department of Labor (DoL)</u> to receive benefits.

This list is neither a comprehensive nor exhaustive documentation of jobs lost because of outsourcing in Northeastern Wisconsin, and does not include more than one thousand additional jobs lost in the Sheboygan, Manitowoc and Fond du Lac areas.

Company	Location	Jobs Lost	Product
Paper Converting Machine	Green Bay	250	Paper converting machinery
Plexus Corporation	Neenah	300	Circuit boards
Intertape Polymer Company	Green Bay	102	Pressure Sealant Tape
Emerson Motor Company	Sturgeon Bay	230	Electric Motors
Green Bay Packaging	Green Bay	22	Paper products
Stora Enso North America	Kimberly	157	Coated paper
Procter and Gamble Paper Co.	Green Bay	26	Fabric softener
Arvin/Meritor	Oshkosh	75	Axles and Gear Boxes
Badger Paper Mills	Peshtigo	15	Paper products
Fox River Paper Co.	Appleton	24	Premium writing and cover papers
P.H. Glatfelter Co.	Neenah	23	Specialty paper & products
Monarch Ware, Inc.	Algoma	23	Roasters/Ovens
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Source: U.S. Department of Labor

To find additional examples of outsourcing job loss in Wisconsin, Search the TAA database at http://www.citizen.org/trade/forms/taa_search.cfm?dataset=3

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