

# Hare TV commercial targets trade pact

## Campaign spot criticizes Schilling over Korean Free Trade Agreement

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GALESBURG — Congressman Phil Hare, D-Rock Island, is taking the fight to his Republican opponent Bobby Schilling.

Hare launched a new campaign commercial Wednesday at the Steelworkers Hall on West Second Street in Galesburg in front of a small crowd of supporters. The television commercial, which will air in the Quad Cities market, attacks Schilling for supporting the proposed Korean Free Trade Agreement.

Hare is adamant the agreement would lead to a further erosion of manufacturing jobs in the 17th District, citing Sterling Steel as a company that could be threatened.

However, Schilling has argued that the agreement would be a boon to John Deere and Caterpillar, two of the district's biggest employers, by giving them improved access to the South Korean market.

Asked if he had discussed the agreement with those two firms, Hare said he had, and that he could still support a trade pact with Korea if it was fair. Hare said the deal would allow Korea to maintain tariffs on U.S. beef and automobiles but give Korean products unfettered access to the U.S. market. He added that Schilling has received \$5,000 in campaign contributions from Caterpillar, which supports the Korean Free Trade Agreement. The agreement also has been backed by President Barack Obama.

In the commercial Hare unveiled Wednesday, he states, "First, Washington sent our jobs to Mexico. Then, they gave most favored nation status to China. And good American jobs like these disappeared. Now Bobby Schilling says we should sign a bad trade deal with Korea. Schilling even signed a pledge to protect tax breaks for corporations that send our jobs overseas."

In Galesburg, Hare used the example of Maytag as evidence of the danger free trade agreements with other nations can pose to U.S. jobs.

"I am sick and tired of trade deals that make multinational corporations rich and communities here in the 17th District poor," he said.

Hare suggested Schilling was oblivious to the threat to jobs the Korean Trade Agreement posed to firms like Sterling Steel. "I know he doesn't know where Sterling is," he said of Schilling, after noting

that his Republican rival does not live in the 17th District.

Putting the focus of his campaign firmly on the economy, which has nose-dived since 2008, Hare said, "I believe we need to get back to three words that are crucial to this economy: Make it in America."