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Encouraging U.S. Companies to Hire U.S. Workers

In Ohio, we know how to make things. Ohioans invented and built the world's first successful airplane. The Wright Brothers proved that we can dream big. Granville T. Woods created dozens of new inventions that made railroads safer. Ohio innovation gave the world the airplane, energy sources, stronger steel, and energy-efficient automobiles. Ohio's skilled manufacturing workforce and enterprising business owners can still compete with any manufacturing sector around the world. But all of the talent and innovation our state's private sector brings to the table is no match for under-the-table currency manipulation and other gross violations of international trade law by some of our biggest trading partners, like the People's Republic of China.

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We must not sit idly by and watch our industrial base decline in what is the third largest manufacturing state in the country.



Since the permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) was signed into law – ten years ago this month– our trade relations with China have been anything but normal. Millions of jobs have been lost in Ohio and across the United States in exchange for a 170 percent trade deficit with China. Factories have been shuttered. Ohio manufacturers must compete with a flood of cheap imports from China – priced artificially low because China manipulates its currency and breaks the rules.

Because our tax policy unwisely rewards American firms that move production overseas, Ohioans have seen neighbors lose their homes and old friends lose their jobs. Large multinational companies that exploit tax loopholes should not be rewarded for shuttering company doors in Xenia to pay lower wages in Xi'an, China. That's why I'm fighting to ensure that our government's tax and trade policies put American manufacturing first.

We need to turn our tax code right side up when it comes to American jobs, promoting their creation and discouraging their elimination. Last month, the Senate had an opportunity to stop the counterproductive cycle of offshoring – the practice of shipping American jobs to other countries. The *Creating American Jobs and Ending Offshoring Act* would have closed tax loopholes that give incentives to corporations that ship jobs overseas. It would also



have created a payroll tax holiday for companies that bring jobs back to U.S. communities. The say "no", do nothing crowd isn't going to move us forward. Not one single member of the Senate minority crossed party lines in this effort to prevent offshoring and to create American jobs.

Our fight is far from over – I am committed to addressing this backwards tax law when Congress reconvenes.

We must also rebuild American manufacturing through strong trade enforcement. Ohio manufacturers can compete with anyone. But when our trading partners like China unfairly stack the deck by manipulating currency and flooding our shores with artificially low-priced imports, that's not competing – it's cheating. And Ohio businesses and workers are fighting against it. Two recent International Trade Commission (ITC) decisions have been a boon for Ohio. Tire workers in Youngstown and steel workers in Lorain kept their jobs, and their plants stayed open because the ITC enforced existing trade laws. But the fact that there are loopholes big enough for China to jump through means that we need to rewrite trade law.



That's why I introduced the Trade Enforcement Priorities Act, which would require a reexamination of our trade policies and trade pacts with an eye toward ensuring our nation thrives in the global economy. We must take action to reverse our trade deficit with China and other countries and ensure that our nation has a robust manufacturing sector. That means doing a much better job of combating the kind of tactics China uses – currency manipulation, lax regulation of product quality, massive subsidies – to give itself an overwhelming competitive advantage. And it means revisiting current trade rules to ensure American companies and American workers can successfully

compete under them. It makes no sense to follow the same trade path, when that trade path is undermining our manufacturing sector and compromising our nation's economic potential.

Letters to my office from small towns and big cities tell the tale: one Ohioan wrote that Americans who are "supposed to be at the front line of innovation, end up being in the front line at the unemployment office" when jobs are shipped overseas. More than that, America loses a competitive edge. And Ohioans lose the ability to stay in their home and children lose the benefits of growing up in a solid, middle class family. This must end.

Let's change the narrative and challenge the status quo. Let's be forward-looking enough to ask: What happens when US trade policy promotes true competition, not the dead-end street China's trade abuses have paved? What happens when we close the tax loopholes that reward offshoring, and instead reward companies that build things here at home? Families get back on their feet. Communities grow stronger. And Ohio's middle class and our country remain competitive.

Your government should be working for you. It should be promoting U.S. companies and U.S. jobs. Americans can't afford policies that cater to multinational companies, that ignore growing trade deficits, and that turn a blind eye when jobs are shipped overseas. We cannot afford any more "no" votes on bills designed to bring jobs back to the U.S. and keep them here. It is time to take a hard look at our trade policy and our tax policy and once again put American families first.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherrod Brown".

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