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### **Skills and Experience!**

For many years, the key to success for long term employment in America was **skills and experience**. Our immigrant ancestors came to America not only to be part of the **American dream**, but to be part of **America's industrial base** where **skills and experience were needed and respected**. As I look at what has been happening to **America's industries** in recent years, I wonder what the reaction of our ancestors would be as they went shopping today and looked at the labels on items to find that **most items being sold were foreign made**. I wonder what they would think about such **high unemployment rates in the U.S.A.** and the fact that so many items they once produced with great pride have now been **outsourced around the world?**

There is no doubt that the world has changed, but it is **hard to understand why America's leaders and the American people permitted industries, skills, and millions of employment opportunities to be lost** in the first place. At this point, **we need to modernize America's industries** and restore about 15 million full time jobs to get back to a level of normalcy. **When America's industries get rolling again**, skilled workers will once again produce a larger share of our day-to-day needs and **more people can be employed and self-supported**. As I stated in the past, there will always be room for competitive imported products in America's stores. However, the fact that **90% of the items we use on a day-to day basis, like clothing, electronics and furniture, are now mainly imported, has become unacceptable to most Americans**.

**The upcoming holiday season is an excellent time for all of us to demonstrate our support for the people presently employed by America's industries.** We don't want to lose any more jobs to outsourcing and I'm sure you would prefer to **use your purchasing power where at least 50% of what is available to you is made in the U.S.A.** It has gotten to the point where many of America's young people have not seen or worn many products with a **made in the U.S.A. label**. This is a sad but factual statement and in order to turn this situation around, **I urge you to use your purchasing power, today, tomorrow, and at all times to support American made products FIRST.**

I continue to hear that **there is an increase in American made items in major retail stores.** Let's **make sure the trend continues by supporting all Buy American Made efforts and by speaking up in support of American made products everywhere we shop.** Together we can **help restore a balance between imported and American made products, restore America's industries, and bring about positive changes in America's economy.**

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