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The Wake-Up Call Continues!

The current recession and the loss of millions of jobs has served as a **wake-up call** for everyone and has shown us how much we are all interconnected. **If one sector of the economy does poorly**, such as financial, housing, or manufacturing, **all other sectors of the economy do poorly**, and eventually everyone feels the pinch.

2010 not only begins a new decade, but also offers a major opportunity for us to work closely together to bring about major changes in America's employment base. **The pain Americans are currently feeling stems from outsourcing jobs overseas**, which has badly damaged small, medium and large businesses across the nation. **Successful restoration** of America's manufacturing base **will require a major commitment by the American people** to support American made products. We see that in many cases outsourcing manufacturing has removed the ability of American businesses to compete with imported items which are made by workers receiving low wages and little or no benefits. We, as American consumers, have to fully realize that **when we buy American made, we help American businesses take on the task of expanding our industries and restoring employment opportunities here in the U.S.A.** So many well established manufacturing skills have been lost by American workers due to outsourcing over the last 20 years, that **it's more important than ever that we work together** to change this unfortunate situation.

Today, I once again urge you to **go out of your way to look for, ask for and buy American made products. Let it be known to store personnel** from the time you enter the store **that you're looking for items made in America.** Ask store personnel to direct you to the items you're seeking to purchase and ask them to point out what items are made in the U.S.A. We continue to welcome competition from around the world, but **we need to return to a better balance between imported and domestic items** and permit more American made products to be featured in every store throughout the U.S.A.

I also urge you to **support your local businesses** so they can continue to employ local people, support American workers, and feature American made products and be there to serve you when the recession is over.

As you continue to hear in the news media, **business owners, political leaders and all levels of America's workforce are getting the message** that we want everyone working together for the long-term benefit of the American people. Showing your support for the Buy American Made Campaign is helping us to accomplish our mission.

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