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Keeping People Employed and Independent!

In the last few years, the changes in America's economy and the rising unemployment rate have made us take a look at what is happening in the United States of America. People are finally discussing the **imbalance between foreign and American made items** in our stores and the **need to expand and upgrade our manufacturing base** and to **restore employment opportunities**.

People who are unemployed are experiencing for themselves that the longer they are **unemployed**, the more they **lose their personal independence** and the longer it is going to take for America to recover from the present recession. If we look back from the founding of America in 1776, working hard, living within one's means and being able to pay one's bills is what every American strived to achieve. Those ideals were possible for over 200 years because there was an abundance of employment opportunities close to where people lived. The day-to-day necessities of the people were satisfied by **local or regional manufacturers** and that **permitted local communities to thrive**. In the last 30 years, that balance has drastically changed as we now see our products for daily use largely imported from around the world.

There are a thousand and one reasons why so many negative changes took place over the years, but **the solution regarding employment opportunities is in the hands of the American people**. The answer is simple. **Keep the jobs we have in the U.S.A. by purchasing American made products**. When you support the products still made in America, you are helping workers support themselves and their families, pay taxes to maintain schools and government services and remain a viable part of the communities where they live.

The current global economy makes us realize that **it's time to get back to basics** and expand America's manufacturing capabilities and get Americans trained to make a larger portion of what Americans buy on a regular basis. **Americans can't wait for someone else to make things happen**. We have to **promote job training** and **support the businesses that keep people employed**. While we continue to trade with the world, we also need to support American businesses and American-made products so we can **control the exodus of American businesses to other countries** which is **bypassing American workers**. **Your purchasing power can make change happen**. **Support the Buy American Made Campaign** and spread the word.

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