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### **World Competitors**

For the past 30 years, America has been in competition with a growing number of countries around the world who have expanded their manufacturing capabilities. This is evident as we go shopping and find that **an overwhelming majority of products are now imported**. The issue that we must see rectified is the **loss of millions of manufacturing jobs for American workers**, by **businesses who relocated their manufacturing lines overseas in search of a better bottom line**.

Part of the **loss of manufacturing in the U.S.A. is due to rising operational costs, business taxes, environmental regulations and higher wages** paid to American workers who have come to enjoy a higher standard of living. To make matters worse, many of the **manufacturing giants around the world** are subsidizing their workers to help **keep their products inexpensive in foreign markets**.

As you know, the United States of America is now a major customer of these low-cost items. Most of these items are sold on the American market at many times the cost of what the importing businesses paid for them. Therefore, **the profit on imported products is higher for the business doing the importing, but continues to be very detrimental for American workers and America's economy**.

I have appealed to you many times to support the **Buy American Made Campaign** and asked that you remember, as American consumers, we are capable of making major changes happen by the way we spend our money every time we go shopping. **We simply can't permit America to remain a growing market place for foreign products**, and see Americans unemployed. If we **focus on the products presently being made in the U.S.A.**, we are not only supporting present day manufacturers, but demonstrating solidarity and our willingness to support businesses that will **expand manufacturing in the U.S.A.** Buying American made first will also **help create many levels of employment opportunities**. All of us have seen what too much outsourcing has done to America's employment base and know how important it is to **restore American manufacturing** and compete with imports.

**Together we can make some major changes possible! Let's do it!**

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