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Today, I ask that you continue to spread the word about supporting American workers and the businesses, both large and small, that employ them. The millions who have lost their jobs during this global recession are seeking employment opportunities so that they can keep their homes, support their families and pay taxes to support essential government services. As Americans, we have the purchasing power to help them maintain and even restore job opportunities simply by making it a point to buy American made products. In doing so, we will see people being called back to their jobs to support the demand you and I are helping to create.

The Buy American Campaign needs more attention than ever. Even today, we still see jobs leaving America because of rising operational costs and taxes. My suggestion is that we all start pressing political leaders and businesses to stop the loss of more jobs in America by urging them to seek every way possible to keep those jobs here in the U.S.A. Because leadership did not work together for real solutions, did not let the public know what was causing businesses to leave, the livelihood of American workers continues to be lost and in some cases, may be lost forever.

Just look around and you will see empty manufacturing facilities. What happened? Why didn't the American people react as the businesses prepared to moved abroad? At this point there are more questions than answers, but there is still time for some positive changes. It's really up to you and me to help make that difference come about. Think of it this way. Every time you buy an American-made product, you are helping keep an American employed!

This week when you go shopping, take the time to look at the packaging and labels. Some items once made in America are now only available as imported products. My question is why?

As I have said many times, empty manufacturing facilities don't employ people and unemployment means long-term instability and loss of self-esteem. Help bring about some positive changes by purchasing American- made products FIRST, and by encouraging others to support the effort to keep Americans employed.

This is **Michael Blichasz**, and as always, I appreciate hearing from you. I welcome your comments and suggestions and ask that you spread the word to others. You can Email me from my Internet site at: AmericanWorkersNeedYou.com