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### **Labor Day 2010!**

For more than 125 years Americans have been observing Labor Day on the first Monday of September. In 1884 it was designated a national legal holiday to recognize the accomplishments of all American workers representing small and large businesses, union and non-union, and the self-employed, for the strength, prosperity and well-being they provide to America and its economy. As we observe Labor Day 2010, we plainly see **there have been many drastic changes in America's workforce over the last 30 years. We have witnessed years of outsourcing America's jobs in search of increased corporate profits**, without regard for America's workers or America's economy. We see that rather than modernizing America's industries, **businesses chose to relocate overseas leaving many qualified and willing workers unemployed.**

I know that some major corporations are disturbed with the **Buy American Made Campaign** because it brings attention to the fact that **well known brand name items are now totally made overseas.** They claim this is part of their globalization process, which would be fine if they had at least half of their production facilities located in the U.S.A. This would allow them to save on shipping costs and the money saved could be used to pay American workers a fair wage. With this resolution, **American workers will have more job opportunities and those well-known logos would have a made in American label.**

I also want to note that the **Buy American Made Campaign does not seek to interfere with government or political efforts** to help our economy. **This campaign is an effort to unite people and focus on buying the American made products now available in stores and urges people to speak up at stores so that owners and investors get the message that customers want a balance of products available where they shop, or they will see more of their customers shopping elsewhere.** Using your purchasing power, picking up items to see where they were made, shopping around for American made and making your feelings known to store personnel is having a major impact. The difficult hurdle we face is to **bring back industries to the U.S.A.** which can replace the products which are now mainly imported to America.

I am pleased to note that **by working together, positive changes are happening.** Political and business leaders and the American public are all discussing this important issue. With our continued unity, future Labor Day celebrations will include more employed Americans and a better American economy. **Thanks for being part of this effort.**

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