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In my last commentary, I urged everyone to take the challenge to buy most of what they purchase from American manufacturers only. This sparked good responses and some hard facts continue to surface. At this point **90%** of the clothing, **90%** of the shoes, **90%** of the electronics, and **90%** of the toys sold in America are imported from other countries around the world. These are just a few of the items we buy on a regular basis which are mainly **NOT** being made in America. **This poses the questions** - What happened to U.S. manufacturers, and are we going to do something to make change happen? Can you imagine the positive impact American workers would experience if at least 50% of the manufacturing jobs that produce the day-to-day items we need were located in America?

One of my main concerns is that we keep hearing about businesses closing and jobs being lost, but we don't hear about businesses, large or small, expanding their operations and being able to employ the Americans who lost their jobs. When people have no jobs, they can't pay their expenses, can't pay taxes and can't be the proud, self-supporting Americans they want to be!

Since actions always speak louder than words, for the present and future well-being of America's economy, I encourage you to take the "Buy American Made Challenge" and look for, ask for and purchase American made products. Change is not going to happen overnight, but it has to start now through our purchasing power as we show private businesses that we are supporting American made products and American workers.

To help you spread the word, I have placed a "**Buy American, Support American Workers**" bumper-sticker-size ad on the front page of my Internet site at AmericanWorkersNeedYou.com - which you can print out as a reminder of the importance of this campaign and email to family and friends.

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

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