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## Labor Day 2011 - A Time For Renewal!

Since the United States Congress declared Labor Day a federal Holiday in 1884, America has seen many changes in it's labor force. **In 1884, jobs were plentiful and America was a nation with a growing industrial and service-based economy. Since 1884, Americans have experienced a depression and several recessions, but** following each of these monumental events, **America and its workforce recovered because large numbers of job opportunities were still located in the American industrial and service sectors.**



**In the last 30 years, many jobs were outsourced around the world, so getting people back to an established job after a recession is not the way it was in the past.** With millions of job opportunities outsourced, **we have fewer industrial and service jobs available** which leaves us only a few options. The first option is move people overseas to where job opportunities are growing. The second option is for the American people to work together **to create new jobs in the U.S.A. by making sure we use our purchasing power to choose American made products first.** This will help industries grow as well as America's economy. While we welcome products from around the world in our stores, **foreign made products should be competing with American made products rather than comprise 90% of what is available in many American stores.**

**Labor Day was enacted to honor the accomplishments of American workers** and highlight the innovation, strength, prosperity and well-being that American workers provided to America, its economy and its future. **In 2011, we need 24 million jobs in both industry and services in order to return to full employment status.** I'm suggesting we keep our sights on the future of American workers by supporting the **Buy American Made Campaign.** Expanding our efforts to **support the products that can and should be made in America and the private sector businesses that are already providing employment opportunities for American workers** will help us recover from the slump America finds itself in today. Spread the word and invite others to visit our Internet site: [AmericanWorkersNeedYou.com](http://AmericanWorkersNeedYou.com).

This is Michael Blichasz, send me your comments and suggestions. My email link is located on the front page of [AmericanWorkersNeedYou.com](http://AmericanWorkersNeedYou.com).