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Representative John Knollenberg

2349 Rayburn House Office Building

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Dear Representative Knollenberg:

Why are we giving up all our advantages in this country to foreign concerns? Everywhere you look American businesses are dumping the American work force to improve their bottom lines. The list goes on and on with no end in sight.

We join in all these so called free trade agreements and the only ones getting anything free is the other guy.

The middle class is getting shafted and as far as I can see the rich CEO's & upper management types are the only ones who are going to survive this.

Being globally competitive is a gigantic farce shoved down average American's throats. I cannot compete against countries that do not have our standard of living.

I have two sons and a daughter in law who pursued the American Dream and each of them has a degree which they had to incur a great amount of debt to obtain. It will take them ½ of their lives to pay back. They cannot find a decent job to cover their basic living expenses, let alone pay back these school loans.

Our present crisis is linked to the oil companies, who are helping to drive gasoline prices thru the roof. When gas was reasonable (I can't believe I'm saying $2.85 a gallon was reasonable), we sold cars, SUVs' and trucks, food was affordable.

Now look at it, prices are skyrocketing for everything we consume in this country. We are going downhill fast and soon will be classified as a third world country.

Congress needs to start acting against the oil companies and corporate America's self serving interests. The management side of the equation is getting richer by their failure to keep work here. I'm sorry but sending jobs off shore isn't helping me to survive.

Is that your legacy...sellout the American workers?

Keep America American should be Congress's Battle Cry. I believe in helping the world but don't bankrupt us to do it. All you need to do is look at our trade deficit and hang your heads down.

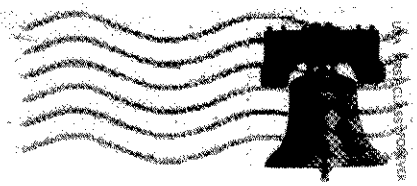
Thank goodness it is an election year. We need people in office who truly are concerned about America. I don't see that with the current selection.

Sincerely,

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