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Understanding Our Trade Crisis

Plant closures. Massive layoffs. Devastated communities. Our country's trade crisis is at a boiling point.

At yesterday evening's State of the Union Address, Dan Hill attended as a guest of Senator Amy Klobuchar. Dan is one of nearly 2,000 Steelworkers who have been laid-off from Minnesota's Iron Range due to an unprecedented surge in subsidized Chinese steel being dumped into the U.S. market. He made a profound statement about community impacts that result when jobs are lost to bad trade.



It doesn't matter whether you work in healthcare or manufacturing, for the government or at a mine, we've all got something to lose. As Dan notes, "It's not just the miners. It's the entire community."

Go to https://youtu.be/39_rkIR9SCM to hear Dan's comments.

Join in the Fight

In the coming weeks, Rapid Response will be launching a national action on trade. Make sure you're plugged in. Watch for:

- **A Series of InfoAlerts** – These will highlight issues such as currency manipulation, overcapacity, state-owned enterprises, rules of origin and other trade-related topics. This series will share what we are facing currently and what's at stake should the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) pass.
- **A National Postcard Action** – Your local will also be receiving a packet of postcards and detailed instructions on what to do with them. They will be used for lobby visits, coordinated deliveries and more to ensure that our legislators know another trade agreement such as the TPP is not in the best interest of American families.
- **Requests for Specific Action** – Depending on where you are in the country and whether or not your Senators or Representative are on the fence on TPP, we may need you to take additional action. Please help out if called upon!

Please be sure your members are getting the information they deserve to know and are getting the opportunity to take action. As always, thank you for all that you do and all that we are about to ask you to do. **Your voices make the difference.**

