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US Taxpayer Dollars Should Create American Jobs!

Rapid Response Gears Up For Battle in Cities and Towns Across U.S.

We already know the economy is bad. Thousands of jobs are being lost daily, including many of our Steelworker brothers and sisters. That's why our union is mobilizing to get the economy working again and rebuild the middle class in the process.

Our plan for economic renewal:

- Pushes for investment in manufacturing, infrastructure, and green jobs,
- Calls for American tax dollars to be spent on American products, and
- Rebuilds the Middle Class by giving employees the choice to unionize and bargain collectively.

So far:

- An economic renewal plan containing many of the things we wanted, including some Buy America rules that will help keep Americans working, made it through the House and is poised to pass in the Senate. The President has pledged to sign the legislation.
- States and cities will be given grants from this money for "shovel-ready" projects.
- We want to push state and local governments and leaders to use these taxpayer dollars to maximize the creation of American jobs because it will be these levels of government that will be doing the implementation.
- To do this, we are asking state and local lawmakers to pass a "Buy American" resolution that demands – to every extent possible – that goods and services paid for with economic recovery plan dollars be exclusively made or performed in the United States. The bottom line for us is that we want to keep American tax dollars here to create jobs at home at this critical time.

Rapid Response successfully pushed our Members of Congress last week to keep strong Buy America language in the economic renewal plan. Those efforts will continue. Watch for the next part of our action on this issue next week! In the meantime, check out more information on the USW Make Our Future Work mobilization at www.makeourfuturework.org.