

May 14, 2007

The Honorable Ted Strickland
Office of the Governor
77 S. High Street – Riffe Building
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor Strickland,

The delegates to the Ohio AFL-CIO Legislative Conference were honored that you took time from your busy schedule to be with them Tuesday evening. Thank you for making their trip to Columbus a memorable one.

The union sisters and brothers from all sectors who were with us this week were also pleased to hear of your meeting with us on the issue of manufacturing job loss and trade. Every corner of Ohio has experienced job loss related to unfair global trade and our delegates wanted to write you a letter expressing their concern. Their letters are accompanying this correspondence.

Wendy Patton on your staff will be meeting with Tim Burga on May 23 as a follow up to our meeting with you. Hopefully, we can come together on policy and positions that can begin to make a difference to our private sector which as you know is so vital to the health of our entire economy. In the interim, please contact Congressional leaders and voice your concerns with the reauthorization of “Fast Track” legislation.

We agree with you that the challenges of our industrial sector and global trade run deep and wide. Just last week the *Columbus Dispatch* reported of the ongoing problem of China’s currency manipulation which the Bush Administration continues to ignore. Under your leadership we stand ready to work with you on solutions that help workers here and abroad and assist you on your course of action.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Rugola
President

Enclosures

Cc: Pierrette Talley, Secretary-Treasurer
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Ohio AFL-CIO Executive Board