

All Of Us Are Working Together To Make Superior Quality Products



How Imports Affect You

In the last 10 years, 500,000 jobs in the U.S. textile and apparel industry have disappeared. Those jobs have been stolen by imports from countries that pay very low wages.

The average hourly-paid person working in a Clinton textile plant makes far more money in one eight-hour day than the average Chinese textile employee makes in a whole month. The average hourly-paid Clinton person makes more in one hour than the average Korean Textile employee makes in a full eight-hour day.

The United States textile industry is the most efficient in the world. But there's no way to compete on an equal basis with countries that have such low wages.

Why are low-wage textile and apparel products stealing so many jobs in the United States? Because the U.S. government allows billions of dollars worth of foreign-made textile products to come into this country each year—while many other nations use a long list of ways to keep our textile products out of their countries. Some countries have a flat ban against any textile imports.

Some people in the United States, including people in our U.S. government, make a lot of noise about "free trade." They say any roadblock to keep foreign-made goods from coming into this country is "protectionism." For some strange reason, they don't talk about the "protectionism" that other countries practice to keep out American-made products. These people want our markets to be open to the world, while markets in many other countries are closed in all sorts of clever ways. They're playing world politics with American jobs.

What can you do about it?

- (1) Look for the labels on all the textile and apparel products you buy. Don't buy anything that isn't made in the United States. Tell the store manager you want American-made products. Tell your friends to do the same.
- (2) Write your Congressman and tell him you want something done to reduce the flood of imports that are stealing American jobs.
- (3) Do your best to make the best possible product.

**you
made
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now
ask
for it.**

