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Clinton Calls on Senate to Support Amendment Repudiating Bush Administration Support for Sending American Jobs Overseas

Washington, DC - Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (NY) today called on her Senate colleagues to support a Sense of the Senate amendment repudiating the Bush Administration's position that exporting American jobs overseas is good for the nation's economy.

Citing the President's Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors, who described the outsourcing of American jobs overseas as "just a new way of doing international trade," Clinton's amendment would send the clear message that the United States Senate opposes the President's belief that it is a benefit when American workers lose their jobs and those jobs are given to workers in other countries. The amendment also calls on the Senate to pass legislation that would provide for a manufacturing tax incentive to encourage job creation in the United States.

Senator Clinton suggested that the President's support for eliminating American jobs makes sense in the context of overall administration policy. *"No wonder they're gutting investment in workforce training and dislocated workers. No wonder they're not pushing for stricter standards or real enforcement of labor and environmental standards in our trade agreements. No wonder this Administration has no plan to address rising health care costs or the legacy health and pension costs facing U.S. manufacturing companies,"* Senator Clinton said.

Through passage of this amendment, Senator Clinton is hoping for a change in direction. *"I hope that we actually work to solve job losses here at home, rather than simply applauding them,"* Senator Clinton concluded.

The text of Senator Clinton's amendment is as follows:

SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING THE OUTSOURCING OF AMERICAN JOBS

(a) FINDINGS - The Senate Finds that -

(1) the President's Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors recently described the outsourcing of American jobs overseas "as a good thing" and said, "outsourcing is just a new way of doing international trade";

(2) the President's economic policies have either failed to address or exacerbated the loss of manufacturing jobs that our country has experienced over the last 3 years;

(3) American families are facing an economy with the fewest jobs created since the Great Depression;

(4) 2,900,00 private sector jobs have been lost since January of 2001, including 2,800,00 manufacturing jobs;

(5) on several occasions the Senate has supported reforming our tax laws to eliminate policies that make it cheaper to move jobs overseas; and

(6) job creation is essential to the economic stability of the United States and the Administration should pursue policies that serve as an engine for economic growth, higher wage jobs, and increased productivity.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE - It is the sense of the Senate that the Senate should -

(1) oppose any efforts to encourage the outsourcing of American jobs overseas; and

(2) adopt legislation providing for a manufacturing tax incentive to encourage job creation in the United States and oppose efforts to make it cheaper to send jobs overseas.