



Mr. President, Where Are the Jobs?

50,000 Jobs Threatened in Farm States: As one of the most tested herbicides used in corn, sugar and grain production, atrazine has been an important part of American agriculture for 50 years. However, the Obama administration seems determined to ban it, despite the results from a comprehensive 12-year study which found “no harm” to the general population from its use. So, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has initiated yet another review of atrazine. It is convenient that this action assists the administration’s plaintiff-attorney allies, who are busy filing lawsuits against the herbicide’s makers in an attempt to win million-dollar fees. A former dean of economics at the University of Chicago calculates that banning atrazine would cause the loss of as many as 48,000 jobs related to corn production alone, while reducing annual corn sales by \$2.3 - \$5 billion. By having your EPA side with trial lawyers, Mr. President, you threaten to raise estimated unemployment in American agriculture by an entirely avoidable 2.6 percent.



100,000 Jobs may Disappear in Texas: In 1994, then-Governor and Democrat Ann Richards put in place an air-control process for the many chemical processing and oil refining plants in Texas. Neither the Clinton nor Bush administrations objected to that process, which put the state’s plant owners and regulators on a path to improve air quality, resulting in a 27 percent decline in emissions from 2000-2008. Despite agreeing to the plants’ overall emission caps, in June the Obama administration’s EPA unilaterally assumed control of all operating permits for the 122 affected plants inside Texas – and now federal bureaucrats want to regulate individual production units inside each plant. Without any immediate or projected gain in air quality, the EPA has jeopardized the continued operation of every one of these 122 plants, while also drastically raising their costs by micro-managing their production. Mr. President, these Texas plants have created jobs while improving and updating their operations for 16 years without your help. Your administration’s regulatory actions could freeze the further investments needed to improve these plants’ efficiency and environmental safety. The chemical processing and oil refining industry in Texas provides 100,000 jobs and supplies the nation with 26 percent of its gasoline. Your EPA has put those jobs and an entire industry at risk.



46,000 Jobs to be Lost in Gulf States: The Obama administration’s temporary moratorium on “deep” offshore oil drilling was first justified by misrepresenting the findings of a National Academy of Engineering investigation into BP’s “Deepwater Horizon” oil spill. Political staff from the administration edited the experts’ report, adding in their own “call” for an outright drilling moratorium. The experts who authored the report quickly objected, saying they never suggested such a thing – only a temporary moratorium on permits for new drilling. Without any support from those with experience in offshore oil and gas production, the Obama administration blazed ahead with a six-month moratorium on drilling for energy in the Gulf, including an immediate halt for the 33 offshore rigs in operation. These rigs may now permanently leave the Gulf for foreign waters. Thanks to your moratorium, Mr. President, around 12,000 jobs have already been lost in Louisiana and up to 46,000 jobs will eventually be voluntarily lost after just two-thirds of the drilling ban has transpired.





1,000 Jobs Jeopardized in the Midwest: On May 18th, President Obama visited the V&M Star steel plant in Youngstown, Ohio. The plant is expanding because of market demand for its product – specialized steel pipe targeted for natural gas exploration in the Marcellus Shale, which has been found in several northeastern states. However, now the Obama administration is putting these same jobs manufacturing steel pipe at risk. The EPA has decided to place a drilling technique called hydraulic fracturing under review – calling into question its future in the energy industry. What’s worse, Mr. President, your administration also appears supportive of House Democrat plans to tie up hydraulic fracturing with the red-tape

of federal regulators, rather than allowing it to continue operating safely under state control. These two actions will severely limit, if not halt, production of natural gas in the Marcellus Shale formation. Without that drilling, there is no need for the V&M expansion to expand its thriving business, further increasing the unemployment numbers in an already battered part of the American economy.

1,000 Jobs Fumbled in Middle America: On June 30, 2010, President Obama visited Racine, Wisconsin for a town hall. Conveniently enough, on that same day the administration’s Export-Import Bank reversed a decision announced the previous week, which denied a Wisconsin-based manufacturer financing for the sale of coal-mining equipment to Reliance Power of India. The Export-Import Bank originally objected to the financing package on the grounds that Reliance would only create more carbon-dioxide emissions with the equipment. The reason for “encouraging” the Export-Import Bank to re-evaluate its decision appears to have been politically motivated in support of a Democrat senator. In the end, Mr. President, the mixed-signals sent by your administration probably lost the sale – and the jobs – to a Chinese company, which had the unquestioned support from its government for export financing from the beginning of the bidding process.



Mr. President, just these five agency actions taken by your administration already have cost the economy well over 10,000 jobs and placed almost 200,000 well-paying, private sector jobs at risk. Moreover, the actions of your regulators are freezing investment in thousands of businesses across the nation ... from industries as diverse as agriculture and chemical engineering to steel manufacturing and oil refining. The end result of each of these regulatory actions will be the same: more lost American jobs. Mr. President, we know where the jobs are – why won't you let just let American businesses create them?



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