

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Bryon Anderson, Special Assistant to the Secretary  
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
US Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On October 16, 2017, Appleton Coated Union Staff Representative Denny Lauer and Assistant General Counsel John Corrigan filed a petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) (93238) on behalf of the employees at Appleton Coated in Combined Locks, Wisconsin. These employees will be effected by the August 17, 2017 WARN notice of the plant closing later this year. I am very concerned about this plant closing and the impact it will have on the workers and families of Combined Locks and the surrounding communities. I write to highlight the importance of approval of this TAA petition in addressing the re-employment of this workforce.

For more than a century, Appleton Coated has been a leading manufacturer and distributor of coated, uncoated, specialty and technical papers and one of the largest employers in Outagamie County and the major employer in Combined Locks, Wisconsin. The closure of the Company's paper manufacturing operation in Wisconsin will displace over 600 employees. While the Company believes a potential new buyer would address challenging market conditions by optimizing its manufacturing footprint, reducing costs, and expanding margins, more than 600 trade-affected workers will lose their jobs through no fault of their own if the plant is not purchased. These displaced workers will directly benefit from TAA to obtain skills, retraining and resources to support reemployment.

The TAA is specifically designed to serve trade-affected employees like those of the Appleton Coated facility in Combined Locks. The Department of Labor's certification of this petition will allow the Appleton Coated workers to apply to our Wisconsin Workforce Agency for benefits and services. Your assistance in ensuring this petition is fully and fairly reviewed in an expeditious manner is most appreciated. Please keep my office informed as to the status of this review and determination of this petition. If I can be of assistance during the consideration process, please do not hesitate to contact Tiffany Henry in my Milwaukee Senate office at 414-297-4451.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this time sensitive request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin  
United States Senator

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