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### **ANOTHER HIDDEN DANGER FROM DOING BUSINESS WITH CHINA**

While our Congressman, Mr. Phil, and his pals in international business have presided over, and in some cases profited by, the outsourcing of jobs to China, they have failed yet again to warn us about the unseen dangers of that endeavor, and one of them has recently reared its ugly head.

I refer to the additive in wheat gluten which has been put into an untold number of pet products. The list of recalls grows daily.

It is difficult enough for the U.S. Government to keep track of dangers in the American-produced food chain. You all remember the spinach problem last year. I cannot see how an American company can with any guarantee of safety keep track of dangers in the stuff they import from China.

For those like me and my wife whose work on behalf of animal welfare has been a lifelong concern, the contamination of food products coming from China is really intolerable. Not only has the short-sighted greed of outsourcing harmed our own economy and our own workers, but now the products of that outsourcing are returning to harm us after they have been manufactured.

I cannot tell others what to do, but for us, we will now make sure we know if the manufacturers of any brand of pet food we buy do business with China. If they do, we will discontinue buying their products until the practice is stopped. I also hope that pet owners whose pets have been killed or injured by this episode will be compensated by the pet food companies for their losses—and I hope that the compensation is great enough to wipe out any gains made by the outsourcing.

Finally, I call for the defeat of Congressmen like Mr. English who has stood by for 14 years and tolerated this kind of thing, tolerated the spread of global warming, the war in Iraq, the lack of health care, the threats to Social Security. These are not men of character.

We do not need more politicians like them. What we need are caring statesmen.