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**PORTER DOCUMENTS JOB LOSSES ON ENGLISH'S WATCH**

“The way in which a member of Congress votes has a huge impact on the people whom he or she serves,” said Dr. Steven Porter, the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 3<sup>rd</sup> district of Pennsylvania, in a press release today. “Nowhere is this more true than votes on trade because those votes determine whether jobs remain in America or get shipped overseas. In the twelve years my opponent, Republican Phil English, has been in office, he has voted time and time again for the policies of globalization. The results have been an unprecedented number of jobs lost not just within his district but throughout the nation.

“One can see the sad statistics from the Department of Labor on the Public Citizen website ([www.citizen.org/trade](http://www.citizen.org/trade)) which gives Mr. English a rating of only 12% on the issue. Year after year, vote after vote, the toll in economic misery on the people of the 3<sup>rd</sup> district by Mr. English’s policies is readily apparent.

“Because of the U.S. trade policies for which Mr. English has voted, the 3<sup>rd</sup> district of Pennsylvania has lost 9,700 jobs—most of them union jobs which paid well and had benefits. Overwhelmingly, those jobs went to Mexico or Canada (such as the jobs lost at Trinity Industries and GE) or were simply eliminated altogether because of cheaper foreign imports (such as the jobs lost at Ethan Allen). Mind you, these are just the jobs lost due to trade votes. They do not represent other related job losses such as those of local retailers whose businesses have been negatively impacted by the exodus of industry.

“Mr. English’s votes for tax breaks for companies making foreign profits, for continuing the regulations of the WTO, for the implementation of CAFTA, for granting Most Favored Nation status to Communist China, and, most recently, for the Oman Free Trade Agreement (which also gives control of our ports to a foreign nation) are the direct causes of much of the unemployment in his district.

“The list of companies impacted by Mr. English’s votes is appended to this press release. It cannot be read without thinking of the degree of human suffering behind the names and numbers,” said Porter.

Porter went on to offer a new economic vision for the district. “It is not enough simply to criticize Mr. English’s policies and those of the Bush Administration to which they are tethered. We need a new plan for our region and our nation, and I believe I can offer one.

“By awarding Defense Department contracts to American businesses on American soil using American workers, we will not only create jobs but improve our security. It is a dangerous policy to turn the manufacturing of sensitive equipment over to a foreign power at a time of international terrorism because we cannot be sure that the technology involved will not eventually wind up in the hands of people who will use it against us. And it is economically cruel to outsource non-strategic contracts when homeland

industries are in need. To give just one example, we have outsourced the manufacturing of our military uniforms to nations like Afghanistan and Bangladesh at the very time our domestic textile industry is crumbling. It makes no sense.

“But Defense Department contracts are only one way we can create jobs. Another, even more forward-looking way, is to partner the government with local businesses to create alternative, clean, American-produced energy. We are engaged in similar public works projects now, but they are in places such as Iraq with companies like Halliburton. That does nothing for our own people, particularly in light of the scandal we have seen involving the disappearance of billions of our tax dollars in the process.

“However, partnering domestic industry and government funding to produce wind, solar, bio-fuel, and clean coal energy would create thousands of jobs and set us on the path to energy independence. Here in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, my suggestion for a Great Lakes Wind Farm would be an economic and environment boost whose benefits would last decades into the future. We ought to be promoting such efforts in Congress instead of voting for the continuation of the policies which have hurt us so much.

“I hope in the up-coming elections,” Porter concluded, “that the people of the 3<sup>rd</sup> district will understand the differences between Mr. English and myself on this issue and will vote for a change of direction in the halls of Congress.”

Department of Labor Data on Jobs Lost in the Third Congressional  
District of Pennsylvania Due to Trade Policies  
from 1994 to the Present

(The list shows the company, its location, and the number of jobs lost in that order. The first part of the list gives the losses from 1994 to 2002; the second part from 2003 to the present. It does not include job losses in Farrell which was gerrymandered out of the district in 2000.)

1994-2002

Allied Signal—Emlenton—78  
American Industrial Container—Meadville—16  
American Meter—Erie—34  
Carlisle Engineered Products—Erie—48  
Component Technology Corp.—Erie—245  
Cooper Energy Services—Grove City—222  
Custom Engineering—Erie—15  
D & L Tool, Inc.—Meadville—3  
Doutt Tool—Venango—12  
Erie Forge and Steel—Erie—159  
GE—Erie—1,723  
HH Smith—Meadville—62  
Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical—Erie—140  
Leech Tool & Die Works—Meadville—30

Loranger Mfg.—Warren—402  
Marcegaglia USA—Greenville—50  
Oglevee LTD—Fredonia—100  
Schmalbach Lubeca Plastic Containers—Erie—29  
Spectrum Control—Fairview—157  
Thomas and Betts Corp.—Mercer—17  
Trinity Industries—Butler—2,121  
United Tool & Die—Meadville—9  
Zurn Industries—Erie—110

2002-present

Accellent—Corry—163  
Actco Tool & Mfg.—Meadville—17  
Advanced Cast Products—Meadville—73  
Advanced Modeling and Consulting—Fairview—9  
Affinia—North East and Erie—16  
AK Steel—Butler—249  
American Meter—Erie—41  
APW, Inc.—Erie—90  
Buffalo Plastics, Inc.—Meadville—36  
Cardinal Home Products—Linesville—9  
Carlisle Engineered Products—Lake City—77  
Chipsco, Inc.—Meadville—9  
Diversified Tool Corp.—Cambridge Springs—7  
Edinboro Molding, Inc.—Edinboro—86  
Endeavor Mold and Design—Erie—3  
Ethan Allen, Inc.—Union City—50  
Geo-Form, Inc.—Girard—3  
H & L Tool Co.—Erie—7  
Hold-E-Zee Ltd.—Meadville—9  
Integra Tool and Mold, Inc.—Erie—10  
International Staple and Machine Co.—Butler—34  
Lakeview Forge Co.—Erie—8  
Loger Industries—Lake City—23  
Moldex Corp.—Meadville—6  
Osram Sylvania—Warren—79  
Owens Illinois Closure—Erie—70  
Plasco Tool and Plastics, Inc.—Meadville—22  
Penn Champ—East Butler—17  
Penn Union Corp.—Edinboro—62  
PHB Die Casting—Fairview—58  
PHB Tool & Die—Girard—33  
Pinnacle Foods—Erie—290  
Plastek Industries—Erie—50  
Randco Tool & Die, Inc.—Meadville—1  
Reddog Industries—Erie—6

Reitz Tool, Inc.—Cochran—6  
Skillers USA—Butler—17  
Spang & Co.—East Butler—80  
SPX Valves and Controls—Lake City—132  
Tetra Tool Co.—Erie—2  
Thomas and Betts Corp.—Mercer—25  
Ultimate Tool, Inc.—Erie—4  
Werner Co.—Greenville—500  
Wheatland Tube Co.—Wheatland—115  
Whirley Industries—Warren—47  
Zurn Industries—Erie—17

#### Additional Job Losses

Blair Corp—Warren and Erie—two retail outlet stores  
International Paper—Erie—800  
Steris—Erie—450 projected

Mr. English's votes on these issues can be obtained on the Public Citizen website (<http://action.citizen.org/scorecard>).

All of Dr. Porter's positions on the issues are attached to this press release as word documents so that the public may be informed.