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The Honorable (insert Senator's or Representative's name)

Washington, DC

Subject: Technical Education is needed for Restoring America's Capability to "Build Products in America".

Dear (Sir or Madam),

American Manufacturing must be rebuilt. This will begin by improving the up and coming workforce of the future. I am writing you to make you aware of the need to teach vocational education in high schools. Included below are reasons why I feel so strongly on this subject.

I am as a resident and citizen of Stanly County, NC. Stanly County is an "old" textile town of which, unfortunately, most of this industry has gone overseas. Stanly County needs to attract and bring more manufacturing jobs into the County which will provide many benefits such as:

- Opportunities for high quality careers to improve the standard of living and reduce the unemployment rate.
- More skilled labor is required to build and attract industry both in our community and within the USA border.
- A restored manufacturing base will provide opportunities for Craftsman for General construction, infrastructure and community commercial service jobs.
- Increases of the local economic prosperity and by extension, keeping America strong.
- More opportunities for the high schools and college students to find careers that are local.
- Contribute to rebuilding the lost "wealth of our Country" America became a leader in the world as an industrialized society that "Built high quality Products" and sold them to the world. This capability must be restored.

Sure we would like all of our kids and students to attend college for a specialized degree. However, it is obvious that not every high school student is going to attend college or even graduate. There needs to be a place for these kids and with the help of guidance counselors and teachers these students can be guided in the right direction. It is my hope that these guidance counselors and teachers be able to guide these students towards high school vocational classes such as machine shop technology, electrical technology, industrial wiring, power generation, home building and carpentry, auto mechanics and horticulture to name a few. If they drop out they should be directed to Community Colleges for help to work towards a GED or specialized training in a given field (i.e. welding, HVAC).

It is our opinion that skilled labor is as important as any career. How many doctors, lawyers or other professionals do you see working on their own cars, heating or air-conditioning units or building their own houses? I would bet near none. Well that is where skilled labor comes to play.

Please give these matters serious thought as I believe the future of our country depends on the decisions you make today as our elected representative.

America needs to restore that near lost and still declining capability to build things in America. This spirit and training must begin in the K-12 schools.

Technical education is one of the important components of restoring a thriving economy and contributing to keeping the high living standards that American's have led the world in developing. Our high standard of living was built from the wealth building of American manufacturing.

Thank you for your time you took to read my letter and thank you for your interest in these important issues.

Sincerely,

(your name here)