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U.S. Congressman Don Manzullo (R-IL) Concerned that Obama Does Not Understand the Role of Manufacturing in Job Creation



doesn't understand manufacturing and the role that manufacturing plays in job creation. He needs to understand what goes into making things that can be sold in this country and exported," said Congressman Manzullo, who is the top Republican on the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment. "If you look at the Jeep manufacturing plant in my Illinois district, they export an astonishing 42 percent of their vehicles, a quarter of which goes to NAFTA partner countries. Imagine what would happen if people began buying cars – everyone would benefit," added Manzullo.

"How we view China today will determine if we are friends or adversaries tomorrow. We need to engage China since we are mutually dependent on each other -- they need our goods and innovation, and we need their ability to purchase our debt," said Manzella. "China is the world's third largest economy, our second largest trading partner and will play a critical role in stabilizing North Korea and their nuclear ambitions. But China is walking a tightrope, and if they cannot keep their people employed, the country will convert to chaos," he added.

Appearing on the Neal Asbury Show on WZAB-AM, Congressman Don Manzullo (R-IL), who has been at the forefront of strengthening manufacturing in the United States and sits on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, proposed that the new stimulus package should not originate from the government but rather "trickle up" by giving consumers meaningful financial support that will light fire to the economy. He proposed that every consumer should receive a \$5,000 voucher that can be used to buy a car, which would reinvigorate the auto industry, put workers back to work, support OEMs and other businesses that rely on the auto industry for revenue and generally grow the economy.

Manzullo, who is a supporter of free trade, is encouraged that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, in her first overseas trip as Secretary, chose to visit China and engage leaders in developing a true partnership. While the road to a lasting partnership still has some barriers to overcome – currency manipulation, pirating issues, dumping/predatory pricing – China and the U.S. need each other if they are to recover from the global recession.

Manzella is especially concerned that 300 million Chinese factory workers have purportedly lost their jobs and are returning to their villages. This could have enormous ramifications to China's future and their ability to stabilize its economy.

Manzullo was joined on the Neal Asbury show by John Manzella, a strategic global analyst and world-recognized author and speaker on international trade and policy who joins the show each week with his perspective. Manzella echoed Manzullo's contention that a U.S.-China partnership is vital to international stability.

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