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## **Working '4' Working Americans Forms to Highlight Need for Fair Trade, Healthcare Reform and an End to Job Offshoring**

*Organizers Call it 'A Voice on Policy Issues Important to Working Men and Women'*

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The worries and concerns of hard-working Americans have a new voice that will draw attention to their kitchen table issues—Working 4 Working Americans (W4WA). The non-partisan organization is committed to promoting solutions to issues that threaten the American way-of-life such as uncontrolled trade practices, dangerous products from China, skyrocketing healthcare costs, and tax breaks for job offshoring.

“The political world is focused on Iowa right now and so is W4WA,” says W4WA Executive Director William Luddy. “We want everyone to remember that two months ago Maytag closed its plant in Newton, Iowa, and nearly 2,000 workers lost their jobs. This economic tsunami was caused by all the things we are highlighting and it’s a story being told in town after town right now.”

W4WA is a non-federal political organization under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code. It is supported by members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

The initial activity of W4WA is the launch of an advertising campaign that pulls the curtain back on the damage done by free trade agreements. In addition to Iowa media markets, the advertisements will appear in Illinois, New York, *Roll Call*, *The Hill*, and other outlets in the near future.

“Those who opposed NAFTA in the ‘90s warned of tremendous job losses. If anything, we underestimated the extent of the impact. Now Congress has passed the Peru Free Trade Agreement and President Bush is getting ready to sign it. And more trade deals are in the works. W4WA is committed to a well-informed democracy that understands how politicians sabotage communities and don’t promote prosperity with free trade deals,” says Luddy.

Further information is available at [www.W4WA.org](http://www.W4WA.org).

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