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USW's Gerard Talks Job Creation at White House "Insourcing" Forum

Business, Labor Leaders Meet with Obama, Administration, Experts

PITTSBURGH –United Steelworkers (USW) International President [Leo W. Gerard](#) today participated in the "Insourcing American Jobs Forum" at the White House hosted by President Barack Obama. The forum included business, labor, administration and local government leaders along with outside experts.

The White House convened the forum to discuss how to build upon the increasing trend of companies choosing to "insource" jobs and make new investments in the United States rather than send jobs and spend money overseas.

"As the economy struggles in its recovery from its worst crisis in more than a generation, no issue outweighs the need to create quality, family-supporting jobs in the U.S.," +

Gerard said. "The USW is proud to work with the President, his administration, business leaders and others toward that goal.

Roundtable and panel discussions with President Obama, Vice President Biden and others focused on ways to make it more competitive for companies to operate in the United States and what more can be done to encourage employers to create American jobs.

The USW represents about 850,000 working men and women in the United States and Canada in a wide variety of industries, ranging from glass making to mining, paper, steel, tire and rubber and other manufacturing environments to the public sector, service and health care industries.

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FLOOR AT THE UNION MEETING ON
MARCH 10TH at 5:30pm
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PITTSBURG, Ca. 94565***

USW Hails Obama's Recess Appointments as Bold Action Vital to Helping Working Americans

President Uses Constitutional Powers to Restore Labor Board; Advance Consumer Protection

(Pittsburgh) -- The United Steelworkers (USW) commends President Barack Obama for using his Constitutional power to override obstructionist Republicans and appoint four officials to key positions within the administration to protect consumers against financial fraud and to protect workers against illegal corporate practices.

“Republicans left the President with no choice but to recess appoint these four people, three to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and one to direct the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau,” said USW International President [Leo W. Gerard](#).

“President Obama showed today that he will use every means at his disposal to circumvent Republican opposition to safeguarding workers and consumers.”

The president appointed two Democrats, Sharon Block and Richard Griffin, and a Republican, Terence F. Flynn, to serve on the NLRB. Resignations from the board and refusal of Republicans in the Senate to approve nominees would have rendered the NLRB inoperable. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it must have a quorum – three members – to render legal decisions.

“With these recess appointments, the President has enabled this crucial board to continue functioning,” Gerard said.

“Republicans are screaming about Obama doing exactly what the past three GOP Presidents – both Bushes and Ronald Reagan – did. In fact, George W. Bush made seven recess appointments to the NLRB.

“There is no question that each of the appointees is highly qualified – and should have garnered Senate approval – something that could have occurred if the Republican minority did not use the filibuster to block every appointment.”

Block is the deputy assistant secretary for Congressional Affairs at the Department of Labor. Griffin is general counsel for the International Union of Operating Engineers. And Flynn serves as chief counsel to NLRB board member Brian Hayes, who is one of two members left on the five-member board after resignations. Mark G. Pearce is the chairman.

President Obama appointed Richard Cordray to direct the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Cordray now is chief of enforcement at the Bureau and served before that as Ohio Attorney General. This is a crucial job because some functions of the bureau cannot be performed without a director.

“President Obama has shown he is willing to use normal legal procedures to ensure the proper functioning of the U.S. government in the service of the American people,” Gerard said. “The Steelworkers are proud that the president has confronted the Party of No.” “We are grateful for President Obama’s bold actions. And it is not without longstanding precedent. He is following in the footsteps of President Theodore Roosevelt, who made over 160 appointments during a brief recess after the first session of the 58th Congress, and President Harry S. Truman, who twice made appointments during short recesses.”

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Quote of the Month

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.
Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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In Memoriam

Lori Rich, 54, passed away peacefully on January 8th after a long illness. She worked as an Operator on the CA Line before her retirement in October 2011.

The C.A.A. Office Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	7:00 to 11:00 am.
Thursday	12:30 to 4:30 pm.
Friday	12:30 to 4:30 pm.

Signed contributions are invited by Members of Local 1440. Other contributions may be accepted. All material is subject to general interest to the membership and space availability, and may not be returned. Articles, opinions expressed, and statements made are not necessarily the opinion or the policy of the Union. The union does not endorse any advertisers

Have You Been Sworn In Yet?

Our Union Meetings are held every
2nd Thursday of the month
Our Next Meeting will be on
February 9th
5:30 PM at the Union Hall
677 Cumberland Street
Pittsburg, CA

LOCAL'S WEBSITE



www.usw1440.com
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People employed in non-union workplaces are – according to U.S. labor law, “at-will” employees, meaning that an employer may terminate an employee without reason. A primary benefit of a labor agreement in your workplace is to provide job security for rank and file workers. The United Steelworkers has qualified representatives who work hard to ensure our members get the best possible labor agreement.

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Optical Fittings



Optical Fittings for prescription safety glasses are offered every Thursday from 9am – 1pm and every Friday from 9am-4pm at the S&S Trailer next to the EMT office. No appointment needed!

Note: Employees must bring a copy of their eyeglass prescription with them, and it can't be more than 2 years old. They must also bring the green S&S voucher signed off by their Department Manager.



WRITE A BRIEF BLOG FOR THE RANK AND FILER (250 WORDS OR FEWER) AND SEND IT TO:

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This is the list of products used in Homes that were built out of **USA Made Products**

<http://abcnews.go.com/images/Business/Made%20in%20America%20List.pdf>

This is the list of Made in America Items <http://abcnews.go.com/WN/page?id=13061314> (Both web sites are printable)

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Safety Corner

February is American Heart Month

Warning Signs

Heart Attack:

- Chest discomfort
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body
- Shortness of breath
- May include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or light headedness

Lifestyle Changes

If you know your ABC's or can count to seven, you can make positive changes on your personal cardiovascular health. Follow these ABC's to a healthier heart: **Avoid** tobacco, **Become** more active and **Choose** good nutrition or you can go a step further by following these **7 simple steps** to better cardiovascular health:

1. Get Active
2. Eat Better
3. Lose Weight
4. Stop Smoking
5. Control Cholesterol
6. Manage Blood Pressure
7. Reduce Blood Sugar

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