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Press Call Monday at Noon: On Third Anniversary of Korea FTA, Worsening Trade Deficit Dogs Obama's Quest for Fast Track

***Nebraska Farm Leader, Connecticut Small Business Owner, Alabama Steelworker Hit
by Korea FTA Speak Out***

- WHAT:** Americans harmed by President Barack Obama's 2012 Korea Free Trade Agreement (FTA) will discuss the pact's impacts on U.S. workers, small business and farmers as the White House intensifies its efforts to obtain Fast Track authority for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). The Korea FTA served as the U.S. template for the TPP. White House officials are lobbying for Fast Track and the TPP, and are using the same arguments made for the Korea pact. But on Sunday, March 15, the third anniversary of the Korea FTA, government data reveal that the administration's promises that the pact would expand U.S. exports and create jobs proved to be the opposite of the pact's outcomes. The post-Korea FTA decline in U.S. exports to Korea and a new flood of imports from Korea have resulted in a major surge in the U.S. trade deficit with Korea that equates to nearly 85,000 lost American jobs.
- WHEN:** 12 p.m. EDT Monday, March 16
- WHO:** John Hansen, president, Nebraska Farmers Union, Lincoln, Nebraska
John Barto, former vice president and general manager of the Ansonia Copper and Brass factory, Ansonia, Connecticut
USW member from Alabama
Moderators:
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