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## Workers of America

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Dear Chairman Healy:

The purpose of my letter is to request your support of State Comptroller Dan Hynes request for a positive recommendation from the Illinois Procurement Policy Board not to do business with expatriate corporations awarded contracts with various State of Illinois agencies. Companies that locate offshore to evade their Illinois tax burdens.

Recently, the Illinois State Senate Executive Committee bottled up a bill drafted by Comptroller Hynes, which was passed in the House by a 113-0 vote in February. His bill closes a loophole in the Illinois tax code that allows corporations, such as Accenture, to shift profits to overseas tax havens to avoid paying taxes in Illinois.

In addition, the Illinois State Senate torpedoed their own legislation, SB 2375, when they cowered to corporate interests such as Citicorp and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and supported an amended version of the bill that destroyed the original intent to "Keep Illinois Jobs in the USA!" The Senate eventually passed their watered down version of SB 2375, which is currently in the House.

Sources say, Governor Blagojevich did not support the original language of SB 2375 or Comptroller Hynes' legislation. Therefore, a strong recommendation from the Illinois Procurement Policy Board would go a long way in helping to "Keep Illinois Jobs in the USA! even though the Governor and Senate only provide lip service to Illinois working families.

Sincerely:

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Cc: Dan Hynes, Illinois Comptroller