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April 25, 2004

TO: Concerned Working Families

SUBJECT: *Keep Illinois Jobs in America!*

Illinois State Senate Bill SB 2375, was passed overwhelmingly by the Senate and is now in the Illinois House for a hearing and approval. It has been assigned to the House Commerce & Business Development Committee and a hearing on the bill is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2004. **However, Illinois State Senate democrats 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 (See Senate Floor Amendment #3) that destroyed the bills original intent to *Keep Illinois Jobs in the USA!***

The following list of e-mail ID's of the Illinois House Commerce & Business Development Committee members and the *sample* letter may be used to *copy & paste* your own e-mail to committee members. **You MUST do so BEFORE 4Pm Wednesday, April 28, 2004!**

This request is not only for Illinois residents. ALL concerned activists should send e-mails to these legislators.

Thank you, in advance, for your participation in this URGENT issue!

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Letter to Illinois Reps. on the Commerce & Business Committee

Honorable Representative:

Your committee will conduct a hearing on SB2375 Wednesday, April 28, 2004. This Bill originally was written so that procurement jobs would not be offshored. SB2375, as amended (Senate Floor Amendment #3), bastardized the entire purpose of the original bill and therefore, must be corrected by Illinois House Members.

Keeping Illinois jobs in the USA is responsible legislation. Illinois taxpayer funds should be reinvested for the betterment of Illinois taxpayers. When Illinois jobs are offshored, you lose a portion of Illinois tax base. Illinois working families lose good paying job opportunities and the ability so support them. Illinois has been hit hard from the recession. Illinois unemployment has been stagnant at over 6%, well above the national average.

Representative Larry McKeon' bill, HB 4550, has the proper wording and would restore the original intent of SB 2375. Please consider HR4550 when reviewing SB2375.

Sincerely:

You may take the link(s) below to view SB 2375 and check its status and also HB 4550:

<http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=2375&GAID=3&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=8498&SessionID=3>

<http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=4550&GAID=3&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=8984&SessionID=3>

