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The Honorable Thomas Perez
Secretary of Labor
U.S. Department of Labor
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Perez,

I write to you today in support of a recently filed petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) by employees of Electromark Inc., a small company located in Wolcott, New York. Electromark recently announced plans to transfer all manufacturing operations to a new facility in Mexico, permanently closing their Wolcott business and affecting over 120 employees.

Electromark has been in Wayne County, New York for more than 40 years making outdoor signs, labels and flags. In 2005 it was acquired by the Brady Worldwide Incorporation. With no forewarning to local officials, last month Brady decided to close this Wolcott facility in an effort to consolidate operations and lower costs. Their announced plans have included shutting down the facility over the next 12 months, moving operations to Tijuana, Mexico in the process, making this a strong case for TAA.

The additional resources that Trade Adjustment Assistance brings to displaced workers are invaluable. The opportunity to learn new skills or further develop an existing skill set often is the leg up that gives impacted workers a chance to secure new employment. This announced closure is devastating news for the Wayne County region, so I urge you to give this petition your full consideration to ensure that all available resources are brought to bear to put impacted employees back to work.

Sincerely,



Kirsten E. Gillibrand
United States Senator