

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

February 25, 2013

The Honorable Hilda L. Solis
Secretary of Labor
United States Department of Labor
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Solis,

We write in support of the petition filed by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals of Rouses Point, NY for funding from the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program through the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. This extension will allow this Pfizer plant to continue offering benefits to the remaining employees as the plant shuts down.

In 2005, it was announced that this site would close, with its manufacturing and other work being transferred to locations outside the U.S., including Ireland and Canada. Since then, approximately 928 workers have been let go, and they have received critical assistance in retraining and seeking new employment through the TAA program.

The current TAA petition expires as of March 23, 2013. Additional separations will continue through the end of 2013, however, and it is vitally important that TAA benefits remain fully available to these remaining employees as this closure is completed. TAA assistance will provide these workers the necessary support to take advantage of potential opportunities for new employment, and will greatly assist the community in this final transition.

We ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact our staff.

Sincerely,



Kirsten E. Gillibrand
United States Senator



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



William L. Owens
Member of Congress