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Burns authors 'American Made Jobs Plan'

Rep. Burns knows it takes more than "wishful thinking" to restore Cambria County's economy.

To reverse years of job losses due to unfair trade deals and corporate production shifts to China, Rep. Burns authored an "American Made Jobs Plan" to bring back good-paying, family sustaining jobs by:

- ✓ Requiring use of American-made steel in all construction and repair of underground pipelines.
- ✓ Requiring use of American-made steel in any construction or repair project done by a private entity that receives taxpayer funding.
- ✓ Providing a 2% bid discount on bids for public projects (such as those carried out by school districts, municipalities, and state agencies) when American-made materials are used in the price quote.

"It's time to bring manufacturing back to the United States and provide Americans with real family sustaining jobs"

– Rep. Burns

Burns: bring critical pharmaceutical industry back from China

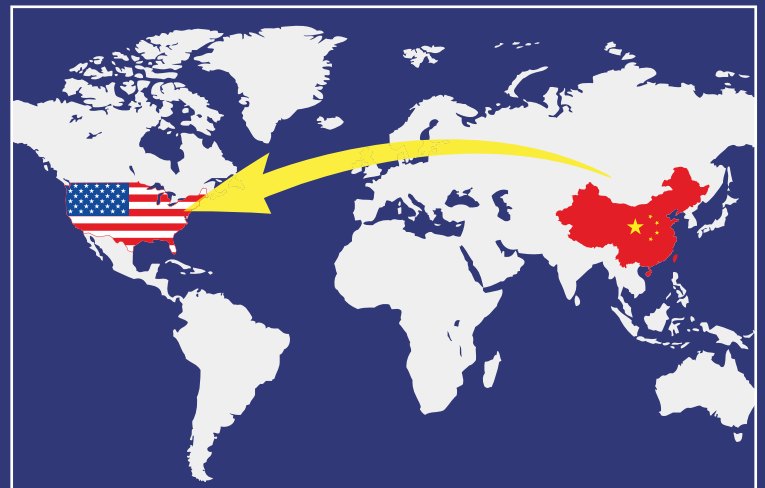
When the battle against COVID-19 revealed America's heavy reliance on China to produce prescription drugs, Rep. Burns took action.

Just two weeks after Rep. Burns proposed it, the House unanimously approved his resolution calling for an end to U.S. reliance on foreign pill makers.

Rep. Burns believes it's foolish to rely on any other country to produce many of our most important and life-saving drugs, because in times of overseas instability or worldwide crisis, it puts many of our own citizens at risk.

"We cannot allow something as critical as prescription medicine to be so heavily reliant on foreign production. This issue can be solved by bringing production back to the U.S.A."

– Rep. Burns



Burns sends letter to Biden urging retention of tariffs that Trump started



Concerned about the continuing loss of good-paying steel and manufacturing jobs in the region, Rep. Burns wrote a letter to President Joe Biden imploring him to maintain the tariffs on foreign steel and aluminum imposed by former President Donald Trump.

“Western Pennsylvania families have been hurting for decades as these jobs disappeared or were shipped overseas as a result of unfair and, in many cases, government-subsidized competition,” Burns wrote. “I supported these tariffs under President Trump – and I will continue supporting them with equal vigor under the Biden administration.”

Rep. Burns has long championed measures to give our domestic steel industry a fighting chance for survival and economic rebound.

Rep. Burns has said that the issue should transcend divisive party politics because good-paying jobs are at stake.



Burns fights for PA workers, halts hiring of illegals

Under legislation championed by Rep. Burns, all construction industry employers must now use the federal E-verify system to ensure their workers are legally permitted to work in the United States.

Rep. Burns supported the new law because it prevents companies from hiring and exploiting illegal workers for profit and hits them with stiff penalties, including the loss of their state-issued license, if they fail to comply.

Rep. Burns took a lot of heat for his stance in defense of U.S. workers, but was undeterred because he believed that making sure the hiring system has integrity was the right thing to do.

“This bill is about saving Pennsylvania jobs by penalizing greedy contractors who hire illegal workers in our state. It’s time we hold corporate America accountable for profiting from illegal immigration.”
– Rep. Burns

Burns makes sure Cambria County has fighting chance

Secures KOZ to offer job-creating tax incentives

Rep. Burns was able to secure the number one economic development program in the nation for Cambria County.

The KOZ designation allows for state and local tax benefits to help speed economic development and job creation, something other areas of Pennsylvania had long been able to offer.

Rep. Burns also has taken it upon himself to reach out to several major employers, trying to recruit them to our region, because you never know unless you try.



Burns votes to lower business tax

As the son of small business owners, Rep. Burns knows firsthand how state taxes and fees impact a company's bottom line, especially in tough economic times like today.

That's why he voted to cut the Corporate Net Income Tax to make the state more attractive to new businesses and enable existing employers to grow and succeed.

With the change Rep. Burns voted for, Pennsylvania's CNI will move from the 2nd highest to the sixth lowest in the nation.

"As a legislator I don't create jobs, businesses create jobs. I can only create an environment where businesses can grow and succeed, and lowering the corporate net income tax does just that."

– Rep. Burns

Burns offers bill that could bring casino to Cambria County

Pennsylvania's casino industry was born from the state's history and tradition with horse racing. As a result, the industry contributes more than \$6 billion in economic impact and supports more than 33,000 jobs statewide. Rep. Burns believes Cambria County could benefit from these riches and is introducing a bill to make the opportunity possible.

Rep. Burns' bill would award discounted casino licenses for counties that can prove a rich history of horse racing, as Cambria County has.



Burns to Biden: Restart construction on Keystone XL pipeline

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 224 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY BURNS, JAMES, GREINER, DeLUCA, COX, MARSHALL, SAYLOR, FARRY, STRUZZI AND JONES, AUGUST 11, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, AUGUST 11, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President of the United States to restart and
2 expedite the completion of the Keystone XL pipeline.

3 WHEREAS, On January 20, 2021, President Joe Biden signed an
4 executive order to cancel the permit for the Keystone XL
5 pipeline; and

6 WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline would transport
7 approximately 830,000 barrels of oil a day from Canada to
8 refineries in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, The construction of the Keystone XL pipeline would
10 have employed thousands of Americans with family-sustaining
11 union jobs and generated more than \$2 billion in earnings; and

12 WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline's construction would
13 contribute \$3.4 billion to the United States Gross Domestic
14 Product; and

15 WHEREAS, The Keystone XL pipeline would transverse Montana,
16 Nebraska and South Dakota, having a positive effect on the local
17 economy in these states; and

With gas prices out of control and oil near \$100 per barrel due to the crisis in Europe, Rep. Burns has called on President Joe Biden to immediately restart construction on the Keystone XL pipeline.

Rep. Burns said it's unacceptable that the U.S. is so reliant on foreign countries for natural resources that are available here. The pipeline could transport 830,000 barrels of oil per day to the Gulf Coast, helping to offset the current supply received from foreign entities. That's why he's leading an effort to get the legislature to demand that the president reverse his decision and get that oil flowing to help Americans.

Restarting and completing the Keystone XL pipeline will start to ease the burden that Pennsylvanians are feeling every day and protect the U.S.'s national energy security going forward.

Here's a snippet of the resolution that was sent to President Biden.

“Time and again history has shown that we cannot rely on foreign countries for the resources we need. It’s time we finally learned that lesson, get this pipeline done and get America off Russian oil – before it’s too late.”
– Rep. Burns

Burns sided with local businesses over Gov. Wolf's mandates

Votes 40 times to re-open PA after pandemic

Acutely aware that businesses and students were being harmed during the prolonged COVID shutdown, Rep. Burns embraced sensible reopening measures for businesses and schools. He also voted to override Gov. Wolf's veto of a bill to substantially reopen the state's economy.

Across the board, Rep. Burns took action to permit businesses to open in a "safe, smart and fair" manner because people's livelihoods were being threatened. He

also realized that students' education was being harmed with remote school days and voted to allow districts to decide for themselves how to best educate their students and offer sporting events.

Rep. Burns also called on the governor to give mom-and-pop businesses the ability to offer curbside pickup after it was granted to state-owned wine and liquor stores, noting, "If it's good enough for the state store to sell a bottle of bourbon, it should be good enough for everyone else."

WHAT BUSINESS OWNERS HAD TO SAY:

"Not only does he look after us as small business owners, Frank Burns looks out for everybody."

– Richard Ardini, Rik-N-Nik's Pizza Pasta Wing & Things

"I know Rep. Frank Burns really cares because he went above and beyond for us."

– Gina Smithbower, Oasis Styling Salon

"Frank Burns has gone out of his way. He's always looked out for the small guy."

– Chuck Arnone, TNC's Lounge

"We certainly appreciate Rep. Burns. He was definitely one of the first ones to step up to the plate and said, Hey, 'we're here for you.'"

– Mike Giffin, Freedom Ford

"We love Rep. Burns. He helped us so much through the pandemic."

– Laura Jackson-Blouse, Jackson and Co. Hair Salon

"I do appreciate what Rep. Burns is saying. He also comes from a small business family. He sees what we all put in and he has always had our back."

– Michele Kubat, Pit Stop



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Burns supports small businesses, recognizes value to local economy



Above: As a strong supporter of veteran-owned businesses, Rep. Burns was on hand to join the Dollar family as they opened G.I. Dough pizzeria in Ebensburg. Seeing everyone in the family chipping in as needed reminded Rep. Burns of his own experience growing up in a family-owned restaurant.

Right: Knowing the importance of young entrepreneurs to our region, Rep. Burns congratulated Emily McCoy, 19, at the ribbon cutting for her new business Nail Haven. They were joined by Cambria County Commissioner Thomas Chernisky (left) and her parents, Mary and Shawn.

