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Made in America Panel calls on Federal Government to Lift Regulations that Interfere with Job Creation and Small Business Growth

Neal Asbury began his nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America by quoting a President Obama remark he made two years ago in which he pointed to the failed Solyndra company as an example of companies that represent the future of America. Neal Asbury remarked that such a comment "is a slap in the face of entrepreneurs who persevered without federal handouts. Giving Solyndra some \$535 million only to watch the company fail is another example of how Obama is shaping the energy industry in his own image. The losers are American taxpayers and our nation's job creators."

Joining the show as a return guest was Republican Congressman Bill Johnson who represents Ohio's sixth district. He is an Air Force veteran and a successful entrepreneur.

Congressman Johnson is alarmed that the Obama administration has chosen to attack the coal industry, which provides 87% of Ohio's energy and 50% of the nation's energy.

"We had the vice president come to Ohio and talk about the resurgence of American manufacturing. But how can manufacturing experience resurgence if they don't have the energy they need? Solar and wind power are promising technologies but they won't provide the energy that manufacturers need. That means that

thousands of jobs can't be filled if we close down coal plants," said Johnson.

Johnson added that the attack on coal is costing each American an extra \$300 a year in electricity costs.

Johnson described an EPA regulation that would close down the nation's two facilities that produce manganese ferro-alloys, which are critical to steel production. If these facilities close, it will cost 500 jobs and force the U.S. to import the material from China and Korea. This will not only impact steel prices, but impact job creation and even ruin the U.S. auto industry.

Johnson noted that since steel is vital for the production of military vehicles such as tanks, and planes, it would impact national security and the military.

Joining the show next was Don Ogden, chair of the National District Export Council, which for more than 30 years, has served the United States by assisting companies in their local communities export, thereby promoting our country's economic growth and creating new and higher-paying jobs for their communities.

Ogden iterated that there are two main barriers that interfere with successful U.S. exporting: the practice by some governments of imposing

unrealistic standards that discriminate against American products; the ongoing theft of American intellectual property.

"Our free trade agreements address many of these issues but we need to enforce them. I am very enthusiastic about the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) which will boost U.S. economic growth and support the creation and retention of high-quality jobs at home by increasing American exports to a region that includes some of the world's most robust economies and that represents more than 40 percent of global trade," said Ogden.

Also joining the show was Lenwood Brooks, Policy Director of Public Notice, Bankrupting America, where he leads on all policy issues. Bankrupting America is an educational project that explores the policies hindering economic opportunity and growth in America. The project focuses on the causes of the country's current economic downturn and the future implications of careless policymaking.

In his introduction Asbury reminded listeners that government regulations cost American business \$1.7 trillion.

Brooks contends that U.S. regulations are holding back job creation, and blames the government for putting regulatory barriers in front of job cre-



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ators when they should be doing everything they can to create jobs.

"I'm working with a small manufacturer whose goods were seized because they lacked acceptable labeling. It almost put them out of business. And look at Gibson Guitar, which has been fighting the government for more than a year after they seized the wood that Gibson uses in its guitars. And they have yet to be charged with anything. It is things like this that cause U.S. manufacturers to think about moving operations overseas just as we need to rebuild American jobs," said Brooks.

He added: "We need some regulations, but the government is taking an overly aggressive stance on regulations. They should be partners with industry, not adversaries," he concluded.

Neal Asbury's final guest was Tom Pyle, president of the American Energy Alliance, which directs an ongoing multi-million dollar initiative to educate the American public about energy issues, supporting the idea that a healthy energy industry – which not only provides us with our basic energy needs, but also is responsible for hundreds and hundreds of products we use every day – is a critical link to lower energy prices and an improved economy.

"Regulators pile regulations on top of one another that cause oil refiners to either pay millions to retrofit to meet every changing regulation, or simply

shut down and move operations overseas, eliminating jobs. Regulators have a role, but they don't take into account how their regulations impact innovation and job creation," said Pyle.

He gave as an example a regulation that demands oil refiners add an ingredient to their oil that doesn't even exist.

"Look at the way technology has lowered the price of natural gas. If the government will allow the energy industry to continue to innovate and lower the price of energy, we could see a manufacturing renaissance," said Pyle

Once again, Asbury and co-host Dr. Rich Roffman introduced their "Cronyism Report," an ongoing look at how federal funding payouts are wasting taxpayer dollars.

Dr. Roffman remarked that while Solyndra is the poster child for wasted American tax dollars that went to favored companies, it doesn't take into account the fact that 80 percent of the 19 companies that received government handouts for pet energy products were Obama supporters.

"If a company operated that way, they would all go to jail," said Dr. Roffman.

Dr. Roffman noted that while GM received billions of tax dollars, most went to appease the unions that helped create the financial mess at

GM in the first place. And how is GM paying Americans back? By outsourcing some R&D jobs to China, depriving Americans of jobs.

"If left unchecked, cronyism will lead to the demise of American enterprise," said Asbury.

Each week Neal Asbury's Made in America provides Neal's insights into the week's top news stories and their impact on the worlds of entrepreneurship, small business ownership and the overall economy. Neal's analysis, together with co-host Dr. Richard Roffman, a veteran 30-year publisher with extensive domestic and international experience, takes a non-biased approach based on real life experience in business as an American manufacturer and exporter. Made in America airs nationally each Saturday from 7-8:00 PM on Radio America. Link to Made in America at <http://www.nealasburys-madeinamerica.com>.



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