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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 11, 2010

Mr. James Keeler
Toledo Refinery
Sunoco, Inc.
P.O. Box 1014
Toledo, Ohio 43697

Dear Mr. Keeler:

It is my understanding that Sunoco Inc. may hire out-of-state-contractors to perform shutdown work at the Toledo Refinery in Oregon, Ohio.

While Sunoco has long been a good corporate citizen of the community, I am concerned that the company may turn its back on the talented, and experienced local workforce that has served Sunoco so well in the past.

With unemployment rates of as much as 30 percent in the skilled trades, local workers are hungry for projects like the one in Oregon. On behalf of those workers, I encourage Sunoco to renew its long standing commitment to the local community by hiring qualified workers who live in Northwest Ohio.

Please provide information on this matter and let me know how we can work together to better serve Ohio's working families.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator