March 4, 2016

The Honorable Joe Donnelly  
720 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC  20510

Dear Senator Donnelly:

Thank you for calling attention to the serious problem of outsourcing U.S. jobs to Mexico. The recent announcement that companies Carrier and UTEC will be offshoring 2,100 jobs from Indiana and moving them to Mexico was deeply disturbing for both active workers and retirees. The move will no doubt have an extremely harmful effect on the retirement security of everyone whose position was outsourced.

We appreciated your questioning of Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen about the problem during the Senate Banking Committee hearing on February 11.

As you noted during the hearing, Carrier and UTEC took advantage of the Indiana business climate and the work of the Export-Import Bank to achieve their sales before the outsourcing, making this case particularly egregious.

The disappearance of defined benefit pension plans in the United States is widespread and we must work to keep this trend from worsening. Moving American jobs to Mexico and other countries will only exacerbate the problem. Such moves also strengthen the case for expanding our earned Social Security benefits.

The Alliance for Retired Americans represents more than 4.3 million retirees, older Americans, and community activists, including more than 120,000 members in Indiana. Together with Leo Gerard and our brothers and sisters with the United Steelworkers, we stand ready to help you in any way we can as we strive to accomplish our shared goal of retirement security for all.

Sincerely,

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President

Joseph Peters, Jr.  
Secretary-Treasurer

Richard J. Fiesta  
Executive Director