

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am a middle aged test technician at the Ford Motor Company.

I am lucky as I live a frugal lifestyle. I have three children. All have degrees and two have suffered from unfair and illegal workplace practices. Jobs are hard to get and the work environments are becoming more stressful for them. I am highly motivated and believe that one day things will get better because they have to. I have been married for 30 years. I research economics as one of my hobbies. At the moment the current economic trend is heading toward irreversible damage. I believe it still can be turned around. We need tariffs and the nationalization of our key assets. I have worked at Ford for the past 35 years. We donate a reasonable amount of money to charity. This will be greatly reduced if we lost our jobs.

They will eventually have no where to live. They will have to sell assets to survive. They will go hungry to pay other living expenses. They will not have private healthcare. They will not be able to afford insurance. They will not be paying income tax.

Unemployment from the loss of manufacturing will cascade into other parts of the economy. Rich people would have to live in walled suburbs in the near future. The crime rate and violence will soar as underemployment rises.

The country with the largest manufacturing capacity wins the war. We run a very serious risk of crippling our economy without manufacturing. We are in a serious situation where we are running out of things to sell to our future foreign landlords. Localization not only Globalization will save this country. I am very concerned that this country is rapidly running out of quality taxpayers. I am very concerned that many people will start to starve without work. Our youth will face a very uncertain future. Even more so than now.

Kind Regards,  
Michael Hofmann