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March 7, 2012

The Honorable Hilda L. Solis
United States Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

Re: NEG-PA-ST-11-005

Dear Secretary Solis,

I write to you today with my full support of a competitive grant application for a National Emergency Grant to aid the displaced workers of the *Conoco Phillips & Sunoco Oil Refineries* (Grant # NEG-PA-ST-11-005) as administered by the U.S. Department of Labor.

With funding from this grant, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry hopes to provide reemployment services and training centers to help employees affected by the closing of oil refineries in Marcus Hook, Trainer, and Philadelphia. Currently, a temporary transition center has been established to help workers. However, if awarded this grant a permanent center will be established to provide individuals with career services, such as workshops dedicated to enhancing resume writing and interview skills.

This grant would allow for the creation of a great asset to the community impacted by the closing of these refineries, and supporting these hardworking men and women is of the utmost importance. Those who lost their jobs will be able to find new employment through these training programs designed to help them enhance the skills necessary to enter a new field of work. Not supporting these displaced workers would only do the local economy and market a great disservice.

I urge you to give the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry's application your full and fair consideration. If you need additional information, please contact me at my district office staff at (610) 690-7323 or via fax at (610) 690-7329

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance as you make your determinations.

Sincerely,

Patrick Meehan
Member of Congress