



## Machinists Union: President Trump Has Broken His Promises to U.S. Workers

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**WASHINGTON, Sept. 9, 2020** – President Trump’s promises to revitalize U.S. manufacturing, pledges that American workers “[won’t lose one plant](#)” and declarations that “[they are all coming back](#)” have been broken time and time again during his term of office.

Dozens of IAM-represented facilities from coast to coast have closed since Trump took office, affecting thousands of families and their communities. Many of the jobs have been offshored to Mexico, China or other countries with low wages and little to no rights for working people. An [IAM policy paper](#) finds that the hundreds of thousands of U.S. workers who have lost their jobs due to outsourcing are still waiting for these jobs to come home, despite the administration’s promises.

*A statement from **IAM International President Robert Martinez Jr.:***

“President Trump’s promises to stand up for U.S. workers, protect our jobs from leaving the country and bring our jobs home from countries like Mexico and China have been broken. We sent letter after letter to President Trump asking for White House assistance in saving these jobs and communities starting soon after he took office. No responses were received.

“Trump didn’t lift a finger to help us save thousands of U.S. jobs at Electrolux in Minnesota, Siemens in Iowa, Schneider Electric in Indiana, FreightCar America in Virginia, and United Technologies in California—just to name a few. His inattention and inaction speaks volumes about his real priorities. It has become clear that working people simply do not matter to this president, unless we are serving as a prop for a photo-op. Remember the photo of Harley-Davidson workers at the White House? Less than a year later, the company announced that it would be closing its IAM-represented plant in Kansas City and opening a plant in Thailand.

“Between the fumbled response to the coronavirus pandemic, the job loss that rivals the Great Depression and the daily rhetoric that serves only to divide working people—this president has struck out with the Machinists Union.”



members. The work moved to South Carolina.

*A statement from **IAM Local 623 member Joe Baratta**, a former employee of Electrolux in St. Cloud, Minn.:*

"In the past, we tried everything to save the plant. Some of our members even wrote a letter to President Trump, asking him to do what he pledged during the campaign: Stand up for workers. When a factory closes, it doesn't just kill jobs. It affects relationships, families and communities. Trump's land of opportunity should be available to all of us, not just his supporters."

**Siemens Dresser-Rand in Burlington, Iowa** [announced in April 2018](#) that it would be closing and laying off 92 IAM Local 1010 (District 6) members. The work moved to India, Hungary, Germany and Czech Republic.

*A statement from **IAM Local 1010 (District 6) member Robert Morrison**, a former 31-year employee of Siemens Dresser-Rand in Burlington, Iowa:*

"President Trump came to Burlington in October of 2015. He was in the auditorium and he got up on stage and said he would be the best jobs president God ever created. He'd bring back our jobs from China, Japan and so many other places. And now we see our jobs going away. He did nothing to help us. That's what really chaps me."

**United Technologies Corp. in Chula Vista, Calif.** [announced in October 2018](#) that it would be closing and laying off 266 IAM Local 755 (District 725) members. The work moved to Mexico, Alabama and Washington state.

*A statement from **IAM Local 755 (District 725) member Jesse Perez**, a former employee of United Technologies Corp. in Chula Vista, Calif.:*

"How can you tell someone, 'well why don't you bring your companies back,' but yet you don't bring yours? You got to lead by example. That's the bottom line. So when [Trump] started opening his mouth about that, to me it was all a lie, and I knew it wasn't going to happen."

**FreightCar America in Roanoke, Va.** [announced in July 2019](#) that it would be closing and laying off 198 Transportation Communications Union (TCU/IAM) Local 6016 members. The work moved to Mexico and Alabama.

*A statement from **TCU/IAM Local 6016 member John Peake**, a former employee of FreightCar America:*

"That was one of the things that Trump was really big on, about not letting companies go across the border or overseas. So, I mean, what's the deal? Step up and do your job. Stop letting these companies run all over the American people."

#### **List of IAM-represented plant closures under the Trump administration:**

Aerojet Rocketdyne, Rancho Cordova, Calif., 300 jobs lost

Air Products and Chemicals, Wilkes Barre, Pa., 150 jobs lost

Alcoa Intalco Works, Ferndale, Wash., 621 jobs lost



Chevron Phillips Chemical, Fairfield, Iowa, 37 jobs lost

Crown Cork and Seal, Lawrence, Mass., 110 jobs lost

Crown Cork and Seal, Omaha, Neb., 32 jobs lost

Dayton Superior, Elk Grove, Ill., 100 jobs lost

Dentsply International, Des Plaines, Ill., 78 jobs lost

Eaton, Hutchinson, Kan., 149 jobs lost

Electrolux, Saint Cloud, Minn., 1,100 jobs lost

Fabick Machinery, Marion, Ill., 25 jobs lost

FreightCar America, Roanoke, Va., 198 jobs lost

Gear Works, Seattle, 85 jobs lost

Glenridge Machine, Willoughby, Ohio, 22 jobs lost

Goodman, Fayetteville, Tenn., 1,433 jobs lost

Grundfos Water Utility, Aurora, Ill., 45 jobs lost

Harley Davidson, Kansas City, 620 jobs lost

Ikea (Swedwood), Danville, Va., 275 jobs lost

Ingersoll Rand, Buffalo, N.Y., 360 jobs lost

Innio, Waueksha, Wis., 341 jobs lost

Jamestown Metal Products, Jamestown, N.Y., 70 jobs lost

International Bildrite, International Falls, Minn., 32 jobs lost

Ken Behlmann Automotive Services, Hazelwood, Mo., 30 jobs lost

Koch Industries (Georgia Pacific Wood Products), Coos Bay, Ore., 100 jobs lost

Kroger Co., Columbus, Ohio, 41 jobs lost

Lake Country Foods, Oconomowoc, Wis., 9 jobs lost

Manitowoc Cranes, Manitowoc, Wis., 209 jobs lost

MillerCoors, Irwindale, Calif., 154 jobs lost

Modern Equipment, Port Washington, Wis., 35 jobs lost



Niello Infiniti, Concord, Calif., 18 jobs lost

Prince Manufacturing, Sioux City, Iowa, 47 jobs lost

Regal Beloit, Valparaiso, Ind., 135 jobs lost

Rexnord Industries, Saint Rose, La., 55 jobs lost

Saint-Gobain (Certainteed Ceilings), Meridian, Miss., 96 jobs lost

Schneider Electric, Peru, Ind., 275 jobs lost

Siemens Dresser-Rand, Burlington, Iowa, 92 jobs lost

Siemens Dresser-Rand, Wellsville, N.Y., 312 jobs lost

Siemens Energy, Mount Vernon, Ohio, 30 jobs lost

Syncreon, Kansas City, Mo., 232 jobs lost

Torpedo Specialty Wire, Pittsfield, Pa., 23 jobs lost

Tronair (Columbus Jack), Columbus, Ohio, 28 jobs lost

Truck-Lite, Falconer, N.Y., 171 jobs lost

United Technologies Corp., Chula Vista, Calif., 553 jobs lost

Walter USA, Pewaukee, Wis., 32 jobs lost

Western Industries, Watertown, Wis., 77 jobs lost

*The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) is among the largest industrial trade unions in North America and represents nearly 600,000 active and retired members in the manufacturing, aerospace, defense, airlines, transportation, shipbuilding, woodworking, health care, and other industries.*

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