

MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, expressing the support of Council for the recent "Buy American" program presented by John Ratzenberger and the Alliance for American Manufacturing.

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, actor John Ratzenberger made a presentation at the Heinz History Center in cooperation with the Alliance for American Manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, in the course of this presentation, Mr. Ratzenberger discussed the competitive disadvantage that products produced in the United States are sometimes placed at, particularly in relation to goods produced in foreign countries that subsidize their industries and that have significantly lower wage standards than the United States; and

WHEREAS, the program also discussed safety issues with goods produced in some foreign countries, as has been demonstrated most recently by massive recalls of toys produced in China, but also related to clothing and kitchen supplies; and

WHEREAS, production facilities in many other countries are not subject to the same environmental regulations as those in the United States, and thus often pollute at disproportionately high rates; and

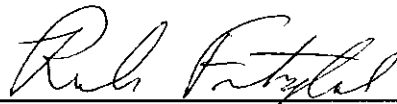
WHEREAS, the presentation encouraged all Americans to buy goods produced domestically wherever possible as a means of protecting public safety, preserving the environment, and ensuring the American workers' ability to compete fairly and on a level playing field with foreign workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED that the Council hereby expresses its support for the recent "Buy American" program presented by John Ratzenberger and the Alliance for American Manufacturing, and adds its voice in encouraging the residents of the County to buy American-made products whenever possible.

PRIMARY SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER DROZD
CO-SPONSORS: ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

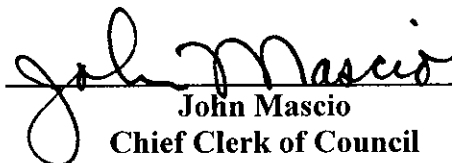
In Council November 20 2007.

Read and Approved.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:



John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Mascio, John

From: Mascio, John
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2007 11:08 AM
To: Scott Paul, Executive Director
Subject: Bill No. 3556-07 Motion of Council
Attachments: 3556-07.PDF

Scott Paul
Executive Director
Alliance for American Manufacturing

Dear Mr. Paul,

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on November 20, 2007, Council unanimously approved the attached Motion expressing support for the recent "Buy American" program presented by John Ratzenberger and the Alliance for American Manufacturing.

Your attention to this Motion is requested.

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

11/28/2007