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Made in America Panel Admonishes the EPA for Letting the Global Warming Debate Distract them from Attending to Serious Issues Like the Toxic Water in Flint

Host Neal Asbury opened his nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by some 70 affiliates, including new affiliate KSRM -FM in Soldotna, Alaska), by weighing in on the EPA's misplaced priorities, concentrating on global warming when they should be paying attention to the serious health consequences in Flint caused by tainted water.

This conversation continued with the first guest on Made in America, Dr. Tom Borelli, writing for the Conservative Review, who suggested that the water contamination crisis in Flint, Michigan exposes the gross failure of government to execute its basic function of ensuring safe drinking water to the public.

"EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, responding to the lead crisis, said, 'EPA did its job but clearly the outcome was not what anyone would have wanted'; later the agency back-tracked a bit saying it did not act fast enough. EPA's reassessment dramatically underestimates the agency's culpability in this event. The agency's incompetent response to a major environmental public health issue in Flint is tied to its focus on expanding its mandate to include President Obama's climate change agenda," proposed Dr. Borelli.

Co-host Dr. Rich Roffman, agreed adding that the EPA's response is like a surgeon telling a wife that that while they did a very good job, your husband died.

Dr. Borelli noted that almost a year ago, EPA Region 5 based in Chicago was aware that Flint's water supply was not employing corrosion control treatment in its system to prevent lead leaching from the city's water pipes. A study by an EPA water specialist identified the problem in Flint's water last February culminating in an internal report about the lead issue in June.

"Uncharacteristically, instead of waging a public battle with state officials over a public health crisis, then-Region 5 head Susan Hedman slow walked the information through the EPA bureaucratic maze, seeking legal ad-

vice about the agency's authority. The EPA is unattainable with almost no congressional oversight. The way to control the EPA is to start controlling their purse strings and stop giving bonuses to EPA officials who don't deserve their pay," maintained Dr. Borelli, adding that "When it comes to federal bureaucracies such as the EPA, expansion of power supersedes existing clean water responsibilities. Flint citizens were mere casualties in EPA's pursuit of power and Obama's climate change legacy."

Neal concluded with the thought: "The EPA needs to get back to protecting the American people."

The conversation turned to America's trade policies.

"On one hand Donald Trump points out the inequities of America's trade program, but as an American manufacturer and exporter, Trump's calling out other nations on trade is the wrong approach. Don't antagonize other countries. Instead, create an environment that keeps American companies home by changing our tax and regulatory policies. And we can't count on the 'junior varsity' to negotiate America's trade programs. You can be tough and be direct, but don't air dirty laundry in public," noted Neal.

Dr. Roffman also added that farm subsidies are impeding trade relations, especially commodities like sugar that forced Nabisco to move to Mexico.

The next guest on Made America was Ivan Osorio, the Competitive Enterprise Institute's editorial director since 2002, as well as expert on labor policy.

Neal commented on a piece written by Osorio that predicted that West Virginia, a bastion of unionism, is moving toward becoming the 26th right-to-work state.

(Note: West Virginia did vote to become a right-to-work state after the show was taped).

"This will be a milestone. The ramifications is that more than half of all states will be right-to-work states. You can see the trend in

states like Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, once heavy union states that moved to right-to-work states. States are sending a message that if they don't take the initiative to boost their economy and create jobs, it won't happen. This ultimately will impact Democratic politicians in many states which depend on union dues to sponsor their campaigns," concluded Osorio.

The final guest on Made in America was Anthony Hennen from Red Alert Politics, who noted the minimum wage is not the solution to helping young people obtain employment.

"There are 3 million young people in the workforce, but only four percent are hourly wage earners. So when you raise the minimum wage, you cut off opportunities for young people to get that first job since it keeps employers from hiring. It also results in young people being left behind in the workforce," proposed Hennen.

Dr. Roffman suggested that young people will continue to lose out on jobs due to the rise in technology and the rise in robots. It is estimated that 5 million low-skilled jobs will be replaced by automation and robotics. He notes that there's a warehouse now that uses robots to fill orders, working 24-7 with no pay, and which has increased productivity while significantly lowering costs.

"The push for the minimum wage will have unintended consequences. For example, an RN, after completing college and getting certified, only earns about \$15 an hour. So they will start to question why they paid for their education and put in the hard work only to see someone with no skills making the same wage they do working at a fast food restaurant," concluded Dr. Roffman.

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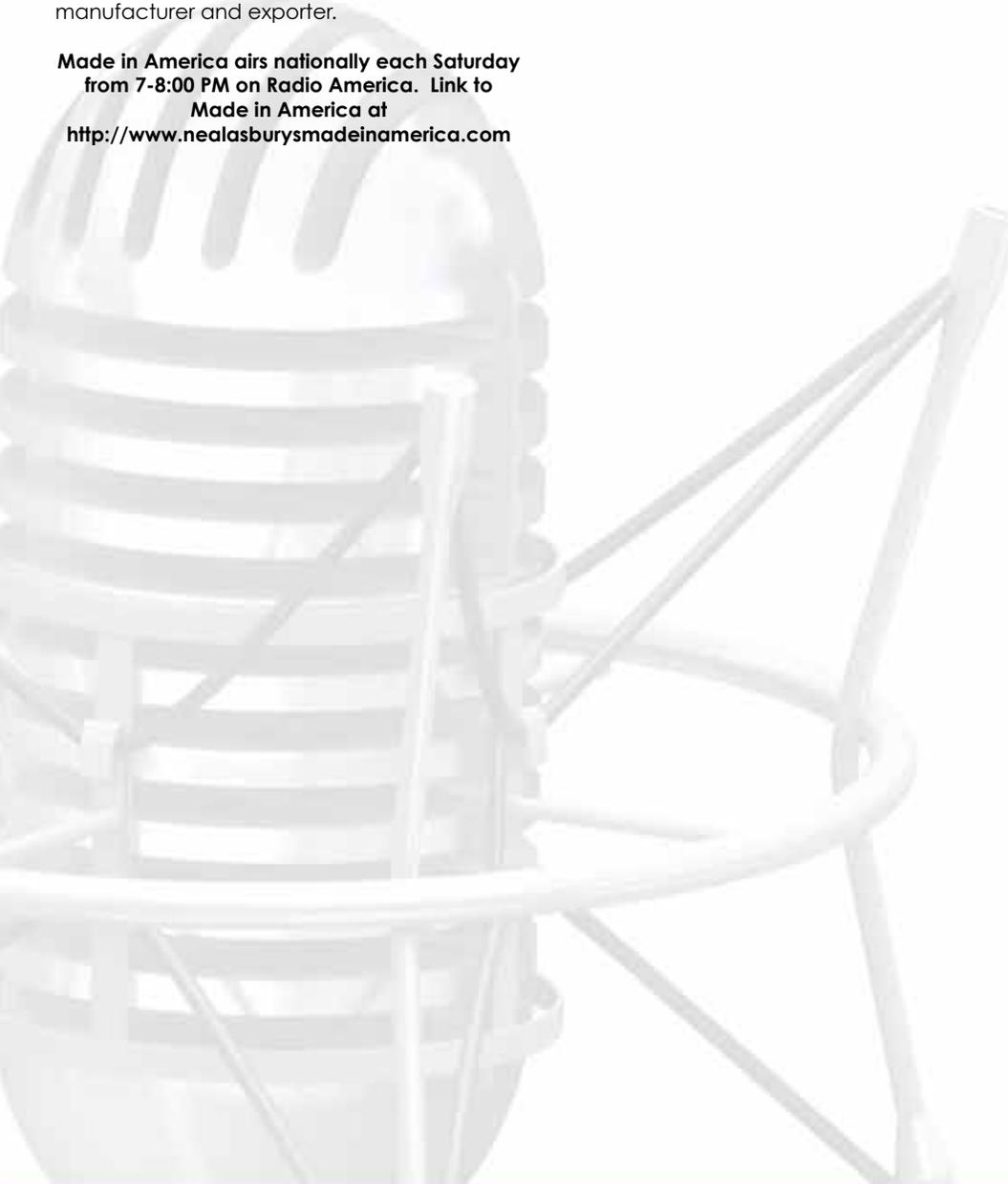
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