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“KEEP IT MADE IN AMERICA” Rally in Evansville to protest plant closing

*Whirlpool to close another US plant after receiving \$20 million
in federal stimulus money*

On Friday, thousands of angry union members from a tri-state area will join national AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka at a rally in front of the Whirlpool plant in Evansville to protest the company's plan to close it down and move 1,100 good-paying jobs to Mexico.

“Once again, Whirlpool, a profitable American company is absconding with our jobs and throwing their employees out in the cold,” said Michael T. Carrigan, president of the Illinois AFL-CIO. “Whirlpool has already closed a factory in Southern Illinois destroying the lives of thousands of working families and ruining communities and schools. Where once workers earned decent wages and could provide for their children and pay their taxes, now many can't find jobs or work for much less. America's manufacturing base that built the middle class is all but gone. These closures have to stop or our economy will never recover. It's time to put people above corporate greed.”

In 2006, Whirlpool closed the Herrin, Illinois Maytag plant. Over 1,200 workers lost their jobs and production was moved to Mexico.

On Friday, a bus and car caravan carrying union members from across Southern Illinois will join others for a rally at 3:00 p.m. in front of the Evansville Whirlpool plant.

WHAT: KEEP IT MADE IN AMERICA Rally

**WHEN: Friday, February 26
3:00 p.m. CST**

WHERE: Whirlpool Plant, Evansville, IN