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Dear Brian:

Carmen Pate & Dereck McGinty this am
were interesting in the quest to help the
disadvantaged population, but not addressing the root cause.

Being a retired marketing consultant I have
watched industry after industry slide to the
orient & Mexico for cheap labor manufacturing.

Our one world thinking ^{on network} government leadership
has allowed & promoted this process since WWII.
whereas Japan & Europe set up quota systems
to prevent being flooded by cheap labor products—
electronics, photography, etc. etc. Industry after
Industry has been sacked or forced overseas in order
to compete for or in our markets. We should have
done likewise to set up partial quotas.

Therefore, we have a 5 to 6% unemployed
or more who have given up. Now our Govt
at all levels is having to provide welfare
at a huge cost — rather than pay for higher
priced domestically produced merchandise.

Is it too late? Probably! Is NAFTA reversible
or restricted? Probably not! So, here we are
being required to carry the burden of these
disadvantaged.

And world trade, where our balance of trade
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losses are tolerated by our Government. year after year is sapping us also. Again we are indirectly paying the price by thinking we are buying products cheaper overseas.

That's the big picture. Dislocation & a growing decline of our living standards while foreign Countries are very slowly increasing their living standards. The middleman is truly profiting.

Perhaps this is the ultimate in simplicity. I may be out of the loop — but this is my opinion based on having been a participant in many industries in the past 50 years.

