



NWU Legislative Position:

Stop Government Support for Offshoring Our Jobs

No taxation without representation! – 1776
Our taxes should benefit us! – 2004

It's a simple proposition: the taxes we pay should be used to benefit us as U.S. citizens, not multi-national corporations who pay little or no taxes at all.

Federal, state, and local government agencies should not offshore our tax-dollars, nor should they allow corporations to use government subsidies for offshoring our jobs. Offshoring of government work actually undermines local employment, the local tax base, and our communities.

Given the negative impact government offshoring has on our members and our communities, the National Writers Union supports and advocates the following positions:

- Government should not use our tax dollars to move jobs to other countries. Government contractors should be prohibited from shipping jobs overseas.
- Government subsidies and grants for economic development and research, tax abatement, and other forms of public support for corporations should be conditional on local job creation. No tax-paid-for subsidies to businesses that ship jobs overseas.
- Government should extend professional licensing requirements to offshored work. If a job requires a professional license when done here, anyone doing it overseas should have the same or equivalent license.
- Government should not manipulate the visa system to facilitate moving jobs to other countries by bringing in foreign nationals on temporary visas for the clear purpose of preparing them to handle work that will then be offshored.

Where proposed legislation conforms to these positions, the National Writers Union will support it. Where legislation falls short, the union will lobby to strengthen the legislation, or propose new legislation as needed.

For more information and background papers on offshoring see www.nwu-oppose-offshoring.org