



## Petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

### About the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program

The Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC § 2271 et seq.), as amended, established Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) to provide assistance to workers in firms hurt by foreign trade. Program benefits include long-term training while receiving income support. TAA provides both rapid and early assistance. Filing this petition is the first step in qualifying for TAA benefits and assistance. After the petition is filed, the U.S. Department of Labor will determine whether a significant number or proportion of the workers of the firm have become total or partially separated or are threatened to become totally or partially separated, and whether imports or a shift in production or services to a foreign country contributed importantly to these actual or threatened separations and to a decline in sales or in production of articles or supply of services. If a petition is approved and the workers are certified as eligible to participate in the TAA program, workers covered by a certification may contact their state workforce agency to apply for benefits. These benefits are provided at no expense to employers.

### Filing Instructions

- A group of three workers from the same firm, a union official, a state or local workforce agency representative in a local American Job Center (also known as a One-Stop Career Center or by a different name), an employer official, or a legally authorized representative must complete this Petition Form by answering all questions before submitting to the U.S. Department of Labor.
- You must date and submit the Petition Form **within 1 YEAR from the date on which the workers were separated or had their hours and wages reduced.**
- You must file the Petition Form with **both** the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, DC **and** the State TAA Coordinator or the dislocated worker office of the state where the firm is located. To file with both the U.S. Department of Labor and the State TAA Coordinator, electronically file the Petition Form on-line at <http://www.eta-reports.doleta.gov/petition>.

**To file with the U.S. Department of Labor**, use one of the methods below:

Fax the completed Petition Form to 202-693-3585, **OR**

Mail the completed Petition Form to the U.S. Department of Labor at:

U.S. Department of Labor  
Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance  
200 Constitution Ave NW, Room N-5428  
Washington, DC 20210

**To file with the State TAA Coordinator or the State Dislocated Worker Unit or State Workforce Agency**

Use the contact information below to find the appropriate filing address. If this Petition Form includes locations in different states, copies of this completed Petition Form must be filed in each state where firms are located.

**Toll-Free Helpline:** 1-877-US2-JOBS (TTY) 1-877-889-5627

**Internet:** <http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/contacts.cfm#State>, or  
<http://www.servicelocator.org>

### For assistance in preparing a petition

Petitioners may receive assistance in preparing the petition at their local American Job Center, by contacting the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. at 202-693-3560 (Main Number), or by contacting their State Dislocated Worker Unit or State Workforce Agency through the telephone numbers or internet addresses provided above ([29 CFR Part 90.11](#)).

### To check petition status

To check the status of your petition, please visit:

<http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/>

### Public Burden Statement

Persons are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. Responding is required to obtain or maintain benefits (19 USC 2321 and 2271). Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, completing and reviewing the collection of information, and a state review. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor at the address provided above (Paperwork Reduction Project 1205-0342).



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### Section 1. Petitioner Information

Provide petitioner information below. Three workers from the same firm completing this Petition Form must fill in all three columns. Other petitioners need only fill in the Petitioner 1 column. A union official completing this petition form should provide the name of the Union.

	<i>Petitioner 1</i>	<i>Petitioner 2</i>	<i>Petitioner 3</i>
a) Name	Denny Lauer		
b) Title	Staff Representative		
c) Street Address	1244A Midway Road		
City	Menasha		
State, Zip	WI 54952		
d) Phone – Main	(920) 722-7630		
e) Phone – Alternate	REDACTED		
f) E-mail	dlauer@usw.org		
g) Worker Separation Date	August 2, 2020		
h) Petitioner Type:	Three Workers <input type="checkbox"/>	Company Official <input type="checkbox"/>	Union Official X (Union Name: United Steelworkers)
(please check one)	State Workforce Office <input type="checkbox"/>	American Job Center <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Authorized Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
i) Describe the worker group on whose behalf this petition is being filed:	the petition is being filed on behalf of all trade-impacted workers at this location, including hourly, salaried and third party contracted employees		

### Section 2. Workers' Firm

Provide information on the firm employing the worker group. Complete items (a) – (g) regarding the employing firm. If the workers are doing work at a location that is different than the worker's employer (e.g., the petitioning workers are employed by a staffing agency but work at a manufacturing firm), also complete items (h) – (m) regarding the firm at which the workers perform their jobs.

NOTE: Workers completing this Petition Form must provide information for the location where they work. All other petitioner types may apply on behalf of more than one location. State offices and American Job Centers may file for workers at multiple locations of a firm within their State. If you choose to file on behalf of workers at more than one location, please attach additional sheets as necessary.

#### Employer (Firm)

a) Name of Firm	Verso
b) Street Address	8540 Gander Creek Drive
City	Miamisburg,
State, Zip	Ohio 45342
c) Phone	(877) 855-7243
d) Website (if known)	<a href="https://www.versoco.com/wps/portal/corporate/home">https://www.versoco.com/wps/portal/corporate/home</a>
e) Describe the article produced or service supplied by this firm	Coated Freesheet Paper
f) How many workers have been or may be separated (if known)?	900
g) Is the firm or any part of the firm closing (if known)? If yes, when?	Yes, July 31, 2020

If the workers work at a location that is different from that listed in item a) and b), then fill out items h) through m) for that location:

h) Name of Firm	Verso Wisconsin River
i) Street Address	310 3rd Ave North,
City	Wisconsin Rapids
State, Zip	WI 54495
j) Phone	(715) 422-3111
k) Describe the article produced or service supplied by this firm	Coated Freesheet Paper
l) How many workers have been or may be separated (if known)?	900



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m) Is the firm or any part of the firm closing (if known)? If yes, when? Yes August 2, 2020



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**Section 3. Trade Effects on Separations**

1. To the best of your knowledge, provide reasons why you believe that separations that have occurred or may be threatened at the workers' firm are due to foreign trade. (Example: Production has been/is being shifted to a foreign country, services are being outsourced to a foreign country, increased imports of articles or services, loss of business with a TAA-certified firm.)

On June 9<sup>th</sup> Verso Paper announced the idling of the Wisconsin Rapids. The Company's products must compete in the domestic market with both domestic and foreign producers of product. We believe imported product category products like those produced by Company have directly contributed to this worker dislocation and contributed to the reduction of production at the Company facility. While overall product imports have decreased based on industry data, Company's sales, and consequently production, have decreased at a faster rate. It is clear that product imports remain directly competitive with Company's products.

1. The facility produces coated freesheet paper. This paper is currently subject to AD/CVD orders from dumped and subsidized product from China and Indonesia.
  - a. <https://enforcement.trade.gov/download/factsheets/factsheet-indonesia-cfs-ad-cvd-final-101707.pdf>
  - b. [https://usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2015/certain\\_coated\\_paper\\_suitable\\_high\\_quality\\_print/first\\_review\\_full.htm](https://usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2015/certain_coated_paper_suitable_high_quality_print/first_review_full.htm)
  - c. [https://www.usitc.gov/press\\_room/news\\_release/2016/er12061696.htm](https://www.usitc.gov/press_room/news_release/2016/er12061696.htm) The ITC determined that imports were a threat to domestic employment.
2. While demand decreased significantly, imports did not decrease in a comparable fashion leading to loss of market share and is a factor in the closure of the facility.
  - a. U.S. purchases of coated free sheet (CFS) papers in May decreased 31 percent compared to last May, while the inventory level decreased two percent compared to April 2020. CFS imports and exports both decreased compared to April 2019, down two percent and 25 percent respectively. <https://www.afandpa.org/media/2020/06/16/american-forest-paper-association-releases-may-2020-printing-writing-monthly-report>

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2. If you possess any additional information or documents that you believe may assist in the determination of whether the worker group is eligible for TAA benefits, submit it as an attachment to the Petition Form. Check the box below if you have attached any additional information or supporting documents.

I have attached additional information or supporting documents.

3. Provide contact information for two company officials, one of whom should be a dislocated worker's supervisor. Either separately or together, these officials should be familiar with all of the following: employment, job functions, and sales or production at each job location.

	Official 1	Official 2
a) Name	Michael Glodowski	Marc Singleton
b) Title	Mill Manager	HR Manager
c) Phone – Main	REDACTED	REDACTED
d) Phone – Alternate		
e) Fax		
f) E-mail		

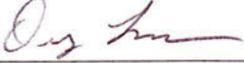
**Section 4. Affirmation of Information**



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The information you provide on this petition form will be used for the purposes of determining worker group eligibility and providing notice to petitioners, workers, and the general public that the petition has been filed and whether the worker group is eligible. Knowingly falsifying any information on this Petition Form is a Federal offense (18 USC § 1001) and a violation of the Trade Act (19 USC § 2316). For this petition to be valid, each of the petitioners listed in Question 1 must sign below and the Petition Form must be dated. By signing below, you agree to the following statements:

**"I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information I have provided is true, correct, and complete."**

a) Signature	<u></u>	_____	_____
b) Name (Print)	<u>Denny Lauer</u>	_____	_____
c) Date of Petition	<u>7-24-20</u>	_____	_____