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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Congressman Dan Lipinski joined his colleagues on the House Science Committee in supporting a resolution to require the Department of Commerce to release an already-completed report detailing information on the outsourcing of American jobs. This report, which was requested by Congress, financed by tax-payers, and has already been written, is being withheld from the public.

"Reliable data on the outsourcing of American jobs is sorely missing from the debate on globalization," stated Lipinski. "We are currently working on new policies to protect and create American jobs, particularly by improving education. We need more information in order to find the best solutions to this increasing concern for American families."

Lipinski cosponsored a Resolution of Inquiry (H. Res. 717) in an effort to compel the Secretary of Commerce to divulge a copy of the report entitled Six-Month Assessment of Workforce Globalization in Certain Knowledge-Based Industries. Drafted between January and June 2004, this report is nearly 200 pages in length and cost taxpayers \$335,000. Despite the taxpayer funds spent in conducting the study, the full report was never made public. Some industry analysts have pointed to the "off-limits" report as the only government study that examined all available private sector and government data in assembling its research. The report also contains valuable information on educational training abroad.

"Almost every day, I hear from Third District residents who are concerned about their jobs moving overseas," said Lipinski. "In manufacturing alone, Illinois has lost almost 160,000 jobs in the last five years. These are high-paying, training intensive jobs that we need in the U.S. economy to provide families with decent wages. And for Congress to be able to make the best decisions about how to protect and create American jobs, we must have the most reliable and up-to-date information - especially when it is paid for by taxpayers."