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Dear Eric Sitkiewitz and Justin Nickels,

I'm a current resident here in the City of Manitowoc. I'm writing to you because of the recent closings of Foster Needle and the moving of Manitowoc Cranes. My concern is creating more manufacturing jobs, where you can make \$15-\$20 an hour, rather than creating jobs that only provide \$8 to \$10 an hour. But the city's plans are putting up more grocery stores and restaurant. But with the loss of jobs, many people cannot afford eating out at the local restaurants. Also it is not helping putting up more apartments, when people cannot afford them on a \$8 to 10 job. I would recommend giving manufacturing company tax breaks or some incentive to stay or develop in the city. With all these closings it is becoming a serious problem in the city. I personally have about 10 years till retirement and how this is going I will probably not be able to retire at my present employer because of the local companies closing. I hope something can be done for the City of Manitowoc.

P.S. I would like to receive a letter back on my concern and would like this brought up at the next meeting.

Sincerely, Manitowoc Citizen



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