



**Hearing on “China's Impact
on the North Carolina Economy: Winners and Losers”**

**September 6, 2007
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

The Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise, Kenan Conference Center – Room 204
Skipper Bowles Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-1550.

Hearing Co Chairs: Commissioners Jeffrey Fiedler and Dennis Shea

Thursday, September 6

- 8:30 am – 10:00 am **Panel I: North Carolina’s Changing Economy**
- Rick L. Weddle, President and CEO of the Research Triangle Park Foundation of North Carolina
 - Dr. Patrick J. Conway, UNC Economist and expert on globalization’s effects on textiles and on the efficacy of trade remedies
- 10:00 am – 11:15 am **Panel II: How China Trade Has Affected North Carolina’s Economy**
- Dr. Gary Gereffi, Director, Center on Globalization, Governance & Competitiveness, Duke University
 - Betty McGrath, Manager, Policy Program Evaluation and Research, North Carolina Employment Security Commission
- 11:15 am – 11:30 am Break
- 11:30 am – 12:45 pm **Panel III: Case Studies of China’s Impact on the Furniture, Tire, Textile, and Clothing Industries**
- Harris Raynor, UNITE HERE Vice President
 - Darryl Jackson, President of United Steelworkers Local 959 (Goodyear)
- 12:45 pm – 1:15 pm Lunch Break
- 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm **Panel IV: Case Study of China’s Impact on the New Economy**

- Michael Chen, Vice President of Corporate Marketing, Red Hat Software—
Headquartered in Research Triangle Park, NC and has a service/sales center in
China.

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

**Panel V: How Existing Remedies to Unfair Trade Have Performed in North
Carolina: The Bedroom Furniture Industry and the Textile Industry**

- Wyatt Bassett, President, Vaughan-Bassett Furniture of Elkin, NC
- James Chesnutt, President and CEO of National Spinning Co., Inc. of Washington,
NC

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**Panel VI: The Human Costs to North Carolina of China Trade, and Ameliorating
Those Costs**

- Dr. H. James Owen, President, Piedmont Community College
- Witness TBD from the division of employment and training, NC Commerce
Department **[Invited]**

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Open Microphone: Listening to the People of North Carolina

- Registration for the open microphone begins at 8:30 am in hearing room.
- Participants will each be allowed 5 minutes to give their remarks

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