

U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission Hearing on
China's Impact on the North Carolina Economy: Winners and Losers

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The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 6, 2007 on **“China's Impact on the North Carolina Economy: Winners and Losers.”** The hearing will be held in Conference Room 204, The Kenan Conference Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, located at Skipper Bowles Road, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The hearing will examine the impacts of Chinese exports on North Carolina's traditional clothing, textile, and furniture industries, and the effectiveness of North Carolina's proactive measures to mitigate and adapt to Chinese competition.

The Commission will hear from Duke University and University of North Carolina economists, state government officials, union representatives, North Carolina corporate executives, and community college officials.

To consider feedback and opinions from the people of North Carolina, an “Open Microphone” session entitled: “Listening to the People of North Carolina,” will begin at 4:30 pm EDT upon conclusion of the formal panels. Participants will each be allowed 5-minutes to give their remarks. [Registration for the open microphone session will begin in the hearing room at 8:30 am on September 6th.](#)

Hearing Co Chairs: Commissioners Jeffrey Fiedler and Dennis Shea

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

When: Thursday, September 6, 2007, 8:30 am. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: The Kenan Conference Center, Room 204, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Skipper Bowles Road, Chapel, North Carolina 27599-1550

Panelists' bios and written statements will be available on the Commission's website at www.uscc.gov on Thursday, September 6, 2007

Reservations are not required – seating available on a first-come, first-served basis

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**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.

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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

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