



SEN. VOINOVICH STATEMENT ON CLOSING OF DHL IN WILMINGTON

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senator George V. Voinovich (R-OH) released the following statement in reaction to the closing of DHL’s domestic-only operations, resulting in the loss of roughly 9,500 jobs, with the majority coming from the closure of the main hub in Wilmington, Ohio:

“Thousands of hard-working individuals and families affected by this decision, by no cause of their own, find themselves in a crisis of uncertainty about their future today. While the Ohio delegation – working with Gov. Ted Strickland and Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher – has been fighting to save these jobs, it was always kept in mind the possibility that these jobs could still be lost, and contingency plans were also discussed. Working with Sen. Brown and other members of the delegation, my staff has been facilitating communication between the state and federal government, and that will continue. We will also continue to be tireless in our efforts to ensure that state and local governments have the full federal resources needed to cope with this economic disaster. I’m sure all of us will urge the next administration to make extraordinary efforts to deal with what may be one of the worst economic dislocations that we’ve faced as a nation. We must pull together to help our fellow citizens, especially our families, in times of hardship.”

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