

A series of emails from November 2003, in which I ask CT Senator Dodd's office for assistance in determining why our TAA petition was rejected. In order of latest to earliest. The latest being a request from the TAA Commission at the Department of Labor for a copy of our TAA appeal, after Senator Dodd had made some inquiries on our behalf.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mark Bain" <mbcsc@hotmail.com>
To: <deborahcorkindale@comcast.net>; <pmonalik@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2003 12:48 PM
Subject: Washington asks for our TAA appeal - attached

A Mr. Neil Wolfe from the TAA commission in Washington called me and asked for our appeal document. This is due to Dodd's office followup on our behalf. I was already working on the appeal doc which had to be filed within 30 days of the denial, but I had been pulled away on job prospects (ha - how silly of me...thats another story...)...anyway this is what I sent to Mr. Wolfe today. I could only say so much without repeating myself, since all the exhibits to support our case are already in the DOL/TAA hands....I hope you think I did OK...we'll see what happens....Mark

From : "Wolfe, Neil - ETA CTR" <Wolfe.Neil@dol.gov>
To : 'Mark Bain' <mbcsc@hotmail.com>
Subject : RE: TA-W-53209 APPEAL Document
Date : Mon, 24 Nov 2003 13:49:28 -0500

Mr. Bain
I received the fax about 6 minutes ago.
Thank you

Neil

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Bain [mailto:mbcsc@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2003 1:48 PM
To: wolfe.neil@dol.gov
Subject: TA-W-53209 APPEAL Document

Dear Mr. Wolfe,
I hope this document meets your needs. The first two pages are the original appeal specifics. The third page is a just a scan of page two, so that my original signature on page two is preserved.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Sincerely,
Mark Bain

From : "Stephanou, Mark (Dodd)" <Mark_Stephanou@dodd.senate.gov>
To : "Mark Bain" <mbcsc@hotmail.com>
Subject : TAA Case
Date : Fri, 14 Nov 2003 10:14:40 -0500

Dear Mr. Bain:

I am writing to follow-up on my earlier e-mail in response to the denial of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) application you and several workers from Computer Sciences Corporation filed with the Department of Labor. Once again, I am sorry the decision was not favorable.

Senator Dodd has faxed a letter to Ms. Christine Iverson, the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations at the U.S. Department of Labor. The Senator has asked Ms. Iverson to have the appropriate officials within the agency review the concerns you raised about how this decision was reached. I will be back in touch with you when Ms. Iverson responds to Senator Dodd.

In the interim, please call me if you have any further questions.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

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CHRISTOPHER J. DODD
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From: "Stephanou, Mark (Dodd)" <Mark_Stephanou@dodd.senate.gov>
To: "Mark Bain" <mbcsc@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Results of TAA petition filed on behalf of IT workers
Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2003 23:22:19 -0500

November 6, 2003

Dear Mr. Bain:

I had you on my calendar to call tomorrow to see if you had heard anything about the petition. I'm sorry to learn it was denied. Senator Dodd's office will look into this matter and keep you informed.

Again, I am sorry about the initial decision.

Regards,

Mark Stephanou

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Bain [mailto:mbcsc@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2003 11:46 AM
To: Stephanou, Mark (Dodd)
Subject: Results of TAA petition filed on behalf of IT workers

Dear Mr. Stephanou,
The results of our Information Technology Group's Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) petition was received via the Wethersfield CT Dept. of

Labor this week.

The petition has been denied because "workers of this firm or subdivision do not produce an article within the meaning of Section 222(c) (3) of the Act."

A full copy of the TAA denial letter is attached.

The official TAA petition number is TA-W-53,209.

As I had mentioned earlier to you, other numerous TAA petitions filed by workers at other Computer Sciences Corporation sites have also been denied assistance, based on the same premise of 'not producing an article'. Your office has a full copy of all the Exhibit documents that were sent to the Washington Dept. of Labor for our TAA petition. Exhibit #1 is a copy of the registered TRADEMARK for the computer software known as "VANTAGE-ONE". (Registration number 2702097). The definition of the VANTAGE-ONE TRADEMARK is ""Computer programs and program manuals all sold as a unit for use in insurance and insurance-related financial applications." How can this definition be construed by the Dept. of Labor as not being an 'article' ?

ALL the signers of the TAA petition worked in the CSC division that CREATED the VANTAGE-ONE software, NOT the division that SERVICED the software.

The certifying officer has not sufficiently explained the reasons for denial given this fact. Indeed, the denial letter seems very generic and rote with absolutely no attention to the various Exhibits put forth with the petition.

We would like Senator Dodd's office to determine the exact reasons for the denial of TAA petition number TA-W-53,209.

Please keep in mind that 20+ professional IT people are currently

unemployed because CSC chose to relocate it's software development to INDIA. We want to be TAA certified so we can receive tuition assistance and re-train ourselves into a career profession that will not be shipped overseas in the foreseeable future.

If you need more information please contact me.

We thank you very much for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
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