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## CREATE JOBS BY MOVING ON TRADE, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER SAYS

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Small businesses are calling on Congress to move swiftly to make export growth and job creation a reality by passing pending trade agreements with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea.

“U.S. business is quite capable of competing and winning against anyone in the world when markets are open and the playing field is level. These trade agreements can provide just that,” said [Drew Greenblatt, president](#) of Marlin Steel Wire Products LLC of Baltimore, Maryland. Greenblatt testified before the [House Small Business Committee on April 28, 2010](#).

Greenblatt’s company is a leading manufacturer of [custom wire baskets](#), [wire forms](#), and [precision sheet metal fabrication assemblies](#). It [exports](#) to more than 20 countries, and Greenblatt estimates that one-fourth of his 28 employees are employed as a direct result of the company’s export business.

“I truly understand the importance of international trade and the impact it can have on small business,” Greenblatt said. “It’s simple: we want to ship to more countries, grow our [client base](#), and create more jobs.”

If the U.S. agreements are not implemented, Greenblatt warned lawmakers, American workers and farmers will be put at a competitive disadvantage, particularly in Colombia and Korea, whose governments are moving ahead with trade agreements with Canada and Europe.

Marlin Steel Wire wants to increase trade with Latin America, and Greenblatt said he would hire more employees in Baltimore if he could sell [wire baskets](#) to contractors and vendors working on the Panama Canal expansion.

Additionally, Marlin Steel Wire, which already sells products to Japanese [automotive suppliers](#) in the U.S. and in Japan, wants to tap the surging Korean automotive market as well, Greenblatt said.

“On trade, if America stands still, we fall behind. That is why I urge Congress to support the pending trade agreements and seek a more effective trade policy that opens [foreign markets](#), boost exports, and creates jobs,” Greenblatt said.

[Read Greenblatt’s testimony.](#)

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