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<p>NARRATOR: Senator Donnelly's manufacturing company outsourced Hoosier jobs to Mexico,</p> <p>SCREEN: "Senator's family uses Mexican labor" Associated Press, 7/13/17</p> <p>SCREEN: Senator Joe Donnelly</p> <p>SCREEN: Mexico Joe Donnelly</p> <p>NARRATOR: So they could pay less than a dollar an hour.</p> <p>SCREEN: "capitalizing on... low paid foreign labor" Associated Press, 7/13/17</p>	<p><u>JOE DONNELLY HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN HIS FAMILY'S BUSINESS SINCE 1997 AND NEVER OWNED IT</u></p> <p>August 2006: Donnelly Argued That His Active Role In Stewart Superior Ended In 1997. "Donnelly didn't dispute that the incident occurred, but he said his active role in [Stewart Superior] and any remuneration from the business ended in 1997, years before the lien was placed." [South Bend Tribune, 8/4/06]</p> <p>Stewart Superior Was Owned By Donnelly's Grandfather, Then Father, And Was Now Owned By His Brother Jack. "According to Donnelly, the LaPorte business [Stewart Superior] had been owned by his grandfather and later his father and is now run by his brother, John 'Jack' Donnelly of Randolph, N.J. 'I left in 1997 and started my own business,' Joe Donnelly said Thursday. That business is Marking Solutions Inc., a Mishawaka company." [South Bend Tribune, 8/4/06]</p> <p><u>WHEN DONNELLY SOLD HIS STOCK IN HIS FAMILY'S BUSINESS HE DONATED THE PROCEEDS TO CHARITY</u></p> <p>August 2017: Donnelly Sold His Stock In Stewart Superior Corporation For \$17,410 And Donated The Proceeds To 10 Charities In Indiana. "An Indiana senator who is a longtime critic of outsourcing jobs to foreign countries says he's finalizing his sale of stock in a family arts and crafts business that operates a factory in Mexico. Sen. Joe Donnelly, considered one of the most vulnerable Democrats up for re-election in a deep red state next year, vowed on July 14 to sell stock worth as much as \$50,000 in the Stewart Superior Corp. The promise came after The Associated Press first reported that the company, which is operated by Donnelly's brother and has been in his family for generations, benefits from the same trade practices Donnelly has blasted throughout his political career. The Donnelly campaign said in an email Monday night that the senator signed over his stock in the company on Aug. 11 for \$17,410 and plans to donate the proceeds to 10 different charities across Indiana." [Associated Press, 8/29/17]</p>
<p>NARRATOR: Now he's trying to cover it up by lying about Mike Braun</p> <p>SCREEN: Lying About Mike Braun</p> <p>NARRATOR: Mike has spent his life creating American jobs.</p> <p>SCREEN: Jasper, Indiana</p> <p>NARRATOR: Only operating in America, only hiring Americans, and paying nearly double the minimum wage starting out</p> <p>SCREEN: Mike Braun's Record ✓ American Made ✓</p>	<p><u>MEYER DISTRIBUTING, MIKE BRAUN'S COMPANY, DISTRIBUTED AFTERMARKET AUTO PARTS THAT WERE MANUFACTURED OVERSEAS</u></p> <p>Meyer Distributing Distributed Aftermarket Auto Parts Through A Network Of Nine US Distribution Centers. "It also includes some others with a lower profile, such as Jasper-based Meyer Distributing. 'People don't know what we do here,' said Meyer's human resources recruiter and trainer Dianne Matheis. The company distributes aftermarket auto parts through a network of nine U.S. distribution centers. Meyer has about 250 employees in Jasper, including truck drivers, information technology, sales, logistics and business operations." [Evansville Courier & Press, 10/15/14]</p> <p>Associated Press Fact Check: Counter To Braun's Claims, Meyer Distributing Appeared To Show That Many Of The Suppliers Of Products Sold By The Company Aren't From American Companies. "An online search reveals that dozens of the companies listed on Meyer Distributing's website either sell or make products from foreign countries, among them China, Canada, Germany and Mexico. Meyer Distributing's home page also links to some of their suppliers pages, with many clearly indicating that many aren't American companies — counter to what Braun contends." [Associated Press, 3/1/18]</p> <p>Associated Press Dozens Of The Companies Listed On Meyer Distributing's Website Either Sell Or Make Products From Foreign Countries, Including China, Canada, Germany And Mexico. "An online search reveals that dozens of the companies listed on Meyer Distributing's website either sell or make products from foreign countries, among them China, Canada, Germany and Mexico. Meyer Distributing's home page also links to some of their suppliers pages, with many clearly indicating that many aren't American companies — counter to what Braun contends." [Associated Press, 3/1/18]</p> <p>Politifact: "A Company That Tracks Maritime Shipments That Land In U.S. Ports, Found 14 Imports To Meyer Distributing From China Dating Back To 2012." "Import Genius, a</p>

*American Jobs ✓
High Wages*

NARRATOR:

Mexico Joe will say anything.

SCREEN: *Mexico
Joe Donnelly*

NARRATOR: Mike Braun will fight for us.

SCREEN: *Mike
Braun Job Creator
Outsider Doer*

company that tracks maritime shipments that land in U.S. ports, found 14 imports to Meyer Distributing from China dating back to 2012. They were unable to find any Mexican imports, which usually come via land or air. (Mexico does not release information for land or air shipments linked to specific companies.) Braun's campaign countered that 95 percent of Meyer's suppliers are American companies. At least forty of 733 companies are headquartered outside the United States. We found one Mexican-owned company on the list. But that wasn't really American Bridge's point. Many of the American companies whose products Meyer Distributing delivers sell products made in other countries, including Mexico and China." [PolitiFact, [5/21/18](#)]

BRAUN'S COMPANY LISTED SUPPLIERS THAT USED FOREIGN WORKERS ON ITS WEBSITE

On Its Website, Meyer Distributing Lists 777 Suppliers; At Least 214 Were Either Foreign Headquartered Or Manufactured In Foreign Countries. [Meyer Distributing, accessed [7/5/18](#)]

Meyer's Listed Suppliers Manufactured In Dozens Of Countries, Such As China, Mexico, Taiwan, South Korea, And India. [Meyer Distributing, accessed [6/21/18](#); ImportGenius Import Records, accessed 3/20/18]

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IN THE INDIANA STATE HOUSE, REP. BRAUN VOTED AGAINST A MEASURE THAT PROHIBITED TAX INCENTIVES FOR COMPANIES THAT SHIPPED AMERICAN JOBS OVERSEAS

March 2016: Braun Voted Against An Amendment That Removed IEDC Funding For Companies That Shipped Jobs Overseas. In March 2017, Braun voted against: "This chapter applies to any deduction, credit, abatement, 7 or other form of a property tax reduction that was provided for a 8 property under this article as an incentive to the property taxpayer 9 to create or maintain jobs in Indiana (referred to as an 'incentive' 10 in this chapter). 11 Sec. 2. If a property taxpayer receiving an incentive under this 12 article reduces or eliminates employment at an Indiana location 13 that becomes subject to the Federal Worker Adjustment and 14 Retraining Notification Act (29 U.S.C. 2101 through 29 U.S.C. 15 2109), the county auditor, assessor, and treasurer shall remove any 16 incentive from any property for which the property taxpayer is 17 receiving an incentive. In addition, the county auditor and county 18 treasurer shall compute the amount of property taxes that the 19 property taxpayer has saved over the life that the incentive was 20 provided and the county treasurer shall send to the property 21 taxpayer a statement for an amount equal to these savings 22 specifying that the amount is due within sixty (60) days after the date of the tax statement." [Indiana General Assembly, [3/1/16](#); S.B. 180, Roll Call 285, [3/1/16](#)]

Braun Voted Against Bipartisan 'Clawback' Legislation In 2016 That Would Have Allowed Indiana To Recoup Financial Incentives Given To Companies That Move Jobs Overseas.

"While Braun has used his wealth to run a blitz of ads criticizing politicians for putting 'Mexico before Muncie' and 'Beijing before Bloomington,' he hasn't always been a critic of free trade and outsourcing. As a state legislator, he voted in 2016 against bipartisan 'clawback' legislation that would have allowed Indiana governments to recoup financial incentives given to companies that move jobs abroad. The legislation was proposed in the wake of Carrier Corp. announcing that it was moving hundreds of manufacturing jobs from Indianapolis to Mexico. Dozens of foreign or foreign-owned auto parts companies do business with Braun's company, according to its website. His businesses have received repeated shipments of foreign made goods over the past five years, most of which are from China, according to records maintained by the trade tracking website Import Genius." [Associated Press, [5/1/18](#)]

MEYER JOB POSTINGS WERE NOT “NEARLY DOUBLE” THE MINIMUM WAGE

Meyer Distributing Posted A Sales Job That Paid “Up To \$12.00 Hourly.” [Meyer Distributing Job Posting, Accessed [6/7/18](#)]

Meyer Distributing Posted A Warehouse Operator Job That Paid \$11 Per Hour. [Meyer Distributing Job Posting, Accessed [6/7/18](#)]

- **Indiana Minimum Wage Was \$7.25 An Hour.** [Department Of Labor, Accessed [6/10/18](#)]

BRAUN VOTED AGAINST RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE IN INDIANA

2015: Braun Voted Against Raising The Minimum Wage To \$10.10 An Hour. “An individual with adjusted gross income in Indiana shall be paid a wage of not less than ten dollars and ten cents (\$10.10) per hour.” [HB 1349, Amendment 2, [2/19/15](#); RC 182, [2/19/15](#)]

BRAUN HAD A REPUTATION OF OVERWORKING HIS EMPLOYEES AND FAILING TO PAY THEM

Associated Press: Lawsuits Filed Against Braun’s Companies Present A Picture Of A Boss Who Has Overworked And Underpaid Employees. “Braun has blamed ‘career politicians’ for outsourcing good-paying jobs overseas, while pledging he’ll help bring them back. Yet when it comes to his own businesses, Braun’s record falls far short of his campaign rhetoric, a review by The Associated Press found. [...] And lawsuits filed against his companies — backed up by federal trucking and labor records — present a picture of a boss who has overworked and underpaid employees.” [Associated Press, [5/1/18](#)]

Over The Past Decade, Workers At Braun’s Companies Have Sued In West Virginia, Oklahoma And California, Alleging They Were Forced To Work Long Hours In Unsafe Conditions And Denied Overtime Pay, Meals And Breaks. “Campaign spokesman Josh Kelley said Braun tries to distribute American-made goods but faces profitability challenges in a global economy. He also denied that workers are treated poorly and maintains that the company has a better than average safety record. However, over the past decade, workers have sued in West Virginia, Oklahoma and California, alleging they were forced to work long hours in unsafe conditions and denied overtime pay, meal times and breaks.” [Associated Press, [5/1/18](#)]

In 2010, Braun’s Meyer Distributing Settled A Lawsuit Filed By A Fired Delivery Driver Who Claimed He Was Owed Unpaid Overtime Wages, Seeking \$75,000 In Actual Damages And \$10,000 In Punitive Damages. “The trenches apparently have been inhabited by some people unhappy with Braun’s businesses. A lawsuit filed last year in California claims that one of Braun’s companies, Meyer Logistics Inc., has underpaid and overworked its truck drivers in that state. [...] A related company, auto parts distributor Meyer Distributing Inc., in 2010 settled a lawsuit filed by a fired delivery driver in Oklahoma who claimed he was owed unpaid overtime wages. The former driver had sought \$75,000 in actual damages and \$10,000 in punitive damages.” [Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, [4/20/18](#)]

Braun’s Meyer Distributing Agreed To Pay \$39,402 In Back Wages At Its Jasper HQ After The Department Of Labor Found 26 Violations Of The Fair Labor Standards Act Related To Unpaid Overtime From December 2008 Through December 2010. “Meyer Distributing also agreed to pay \$39,402 in back wages at its Jasper headquarters after the U.S. Department of Labor found 26 violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act related to unpaid overtime from December 2008 through December 2010. Braun is founder and chief executive officer of Meyer Distributing and owner of Meyer Logistics. His campaign website states that Meyer Distributing ‘has grown to be among the industry leaders in auto parts distribution’ under his management.” [Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, [4/20/18](#)]

Another Suit Claimed That Meyer Logistics “Consistently Required” Drivers To Work “Without Paying Them For All The Time They Were Working.” “The suit claims Meyer Logistics ‘consistently required’ drivers to work ‘without paying them for all the time they were’

working. The suit, which sought class-action status, was filed in September in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. Jasper-based Meyer Logistics has an operation in Ontario, California.” [Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, [4/20/18](#)]

AT THE CLOSE OF HIS AD, BRAUN APPEARED WITH A MAN WEARING A “WARN INDUSTRIES” LOGO



[Mike Braun Ad, Accessed 7/11/18]

WARN INDUSTRIES, A BRAUN SUPPLIER, MANUFACTURED IN TAIWAN

The Term “Warn Industries” Appeared On 4,377 Import Records From Countries Like China, South Korea, And Japan. According to ImportGenius, the term “Warn Industries” appeared on 4,377 import records between November 1, 2006 and June 20, 2018. The majority of the searches listed Warn Industries as the consignee, the party receiving the import, on the import slip. [Warn Industries, ImportGenius Import Record, accessed 6/20/18]

Japanese Manufacturer Asahi Denso Listed Warn Industries As One Of The Largest Customers Of Its Electronic Components Factory In Taiwan. “We went into operation in 1987, as the first overseas base of Asahi Denso. We design and manufacture handlebar switches, lever holders, main switches, tank caps and other items for motorcycles. We ship our products to domestic market in Taiwan, as well as exporting them to various markets in Europe and South America. [...] Main customers WARN INDUSTRIES INC.” [Asahi Denso, accessed [6/20/18](#)]

Warn Industries Placed A Work Order With A Taiwanese Maker Of Pneumatic Tools. “Rexon Industrial Corp., Ltd., a maker of pneumatic tools in Taiwan, has garnered orders from WARN Industries, Inc., a major auto parts maker in North America. With over 60% market share for automotive winches globally, WARN is affiliated with Dover Group, a Fortune Global 500 firm, to be a top-500 corporation by revenue. Rexon began in July shipping snow throwers and impellers, transmissions and winches to WARN, whose orders will generate estimated revenues of about US\$3 million this year.” [Chinese Economic News, [10/26/12](#)]

Warn Industries Appears On Meyer Distributing’s Supplier Line Sheet. [Meyer Distributing, Accessed [7/11/18](#)]

A WARN INDUSTRIES LOGO ALSO APPEARED IN BRAUN’S PREVIOUS AD

Braun’s Campaign Ad That Boasted His Business Is “Proud To Be Made In America” Showed Logos On Company Trucks For Two Of His Suppliers That Use Overseas Manufacturing Facilities. “GOP Senate candidate Mike Braun boasts in a new campaign ad

that his business is 'proud to be made in America.' But the ad shows logos on company trucks for two of Braun's suppliers that use overseas manufacturing facilities. It's the latest in a round of ads aired by Braun, Democratic Sen. Joe Donnelly — or the super PACs on both sides — over the politically sensitive issue of outsourcing jobs. Braun owns Meyer Distributing, a Jasper-based national auto parts distribution company that the Associated Press previously reported imports goods from the same overseas countries he has criticized for taking American jobs. He also owns the trucking company Meyer Logistics." [Indy Star, [6/21/18](#)]

- **Braun's Ad Showed The Sides Of Trucks From Warn Industries, Which Imports From China And Other Countries, And Fox Shox, Which Has Manufacturing Facilities In Taiwan.** "In the ad's opening shot, Braun walks through a bank of trucks as he says his company 'treats folks like family.' There are logos on the sides of the trucks for Warn Industries and Fox Shox. Warn Industries, an auto parts maker, imports some products from China and other countries. Fox Shox has manufacturing facilities in Taiwan." [Indy Star, [6/21/18](#)]
- **Indy Star Headline: "Ad By GOP Senate Candidate Mike Braun Sends Unintended Mixed Message On Outsourcing Jobs."** [Indy Star, [6/21/18](#)]