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We the Board of Supervisors of the City of Cortland in the State of New York hereby agree that:

1. We publicly denounce Smith Corona's decision to move it's operations from the Cortland area to Mexico without consideration of the impact to it's workers and the communities to which they are a part; and

2. We support the workers of the Smith Corona plant located in the Town of Cortlandville and who live mainly in and around our city in their efforts to receive a fair and equitable settlement from their employer, Smith Corona Merchant. We also pledge to support them in their just grievances which they may have with Smith Corona over matters dealing with either medical or financial hardships that may surface now or in the future; and

3. We request from Smith Corona that they provide some sort of financial compensation and/or assistance for the community that has supported and assisted in its growth throughout the last eighty-three (83) years, and is now left with the aftermath of a disaster of as yet undetermined magnitude; and

4. We will ensure that the Smith Corona Company is held responsible for any damage that they might have wilfully or unwilfully caused to the environment of Cortland County which may be known now or in the future; and

5. That we endeavour to prevent other such moves of any large employer from leaving the Cortland area solely for the purpose of monetary gains without regard or consideration for the people who are employed in these corporations or the communities that support them.

6. That we oppose the attempts of the Federal Government to negotiate trade agreements with neighboring countries that do not provide for the secure employment of our citizens, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Generalized Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

This resolution is submitted by the Tompkins/Cortland Labor Coalition on behalf of its members in Cortland County and the workers of Smith Corona. Original text of this resolution was written by Duanne McConnel, Linda Feehan and Bob Lewis of United Automobile Workers Local 1326 at Pall Trinity, Cortland County.