



Manufacturing group: Alabama jobs threatened by Chinese subsidies to paper industry

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Government subsidies to the Chinese paper industry threaten as many as 13,810 jobs in Alabama, according to the **Alliance for American Manufacturing**.

The group cited a report released today by the **Economic Policy Institute**, which says China's rapid rise in the global paper industry has been fueled by more than \$33 billion in government subsidies between 2002 and 2009. **Read the "No Paper Tiger" report.**

"China's massive subsidies to its paper sector are doing severe damage to the U.S. paper industry, its workers and their families," **Scott Paul**, executive director of the Alliance for American Manufacturing, said in a statement.

"The only way to stop the bleeding is for U.S. policymakers to take action against China's blatant violations of trade laws, including sweeping subsidies to paper and many other industries," he added.

China's export-driven paper industry has added an average of 26 percent of new production capacity every year since 2004, increasing the U.S. trade deficit with China, according to the alliance.

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