

After Recent Huge Win Over Illegal Chinese Trade, Rep. Poliquin Meets with Workers at Auburn Manufacturing

Today, Congressman Poliquin toured Auburn Manufacturing, Inc. (AMI) where he met with owner Kathie Leonard to discuss the company' s huge victory over illegal trade practices from Chinese companies [earlier this year](#).

“ For far too long, Maine businesses have suffered and Maine jobs have been threatened because of unfair trade practices,” **said Congressman Poliquin.** “ I applaud Kathie Leonard for her commitment in standing up against unfair trade and proudly joined her in fighting to protect our Maine jobs. This final determination by the ITC is a huge and important win for these jobs and for our Great State of Maine. Well done Kathie; great job AMI!”





Congressman Poliquin visiting AMI today.

Led by Leonard, AMI has pushed back against the rise in unfairly traded imports of amorphous silica fabric (ASF), a heat-resistant material, from China. In January, [Congressman Poliquin testified](#) before the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) in strong support of AMI, which [made the final determination in February](#) that Chinese producers were selling unfairly subsidized industrial grade ASF in the United States at less than fair value.

Rep. Poliquin Visits Maine Workers and Businesses in the Lewiston-Auburn Area

Congressman Poliquin also visited a number of Maine businesses in the Lewiston-Auburn area today, including Strainrite Companies, Globe Manufacturing Company, and Thos. Moser Cabinet Makers.

Strainrite Companies is a family-owned business headquartered in Auburn with 50 local employees that has locations across the Nation in Michigan, California and Georgia. Strainrite designs and manufactures filtration products for several industries around the world.





Congressman Poliquin meets with employees at Strainrite Companies in Auburn.

Next, the Congressman toured Globe Manufacturing Company, which has its footwear division located in Auburn with 70 employees. Globe Manufacturing is the world's oldest and largest manufacturer of firefighter turnout gear—firefighters' Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).



Congressman Poliquin observes some of the high-quality turnout gear Globe Manufacturing in Auburn supplies to firefighters across the Nation.



Congressman Poliquin meets with employees at Globe Manufacturing's Auburn plant.

The Congressman made his final stop at Thos. Moser Cabinet Makers, a hardwood fine furniture manufacturing business with 100 employees at its Auburn location.





Congressman Poliquin tours and meets with workers Thos. Moser Cabinet Makers.