

## Sens. Snowe, Collins, Rep. Michaud Announce TAA Approval for Louisiana-Pacific Mill Workers

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&ldquo;This is welcome news at a time when so many families are struggling amidst this troubled economy. We hope this assistance can help the many hard-working individuals at the New Limerick mill who, through no fault of their own, have lost their jobs.

&ldquo;This TAA assistance will help these workers get back on their feet as quickly as possible by providing them with important skills assessment, and training and job search assistance,&rdquo; said Senators Snowe and Collins and Congressman Michaud in a joint statement.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) is a Department of Labor program that helps workers who have lost their jobs as a result of increased imports or a shift of production outside of the United States. TAA provides trade-affected workers with a variety of reemployment services and benefits to help them find new jobs and get back to work.

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