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*"The safety of the people
is the highest law"*

-CICERO

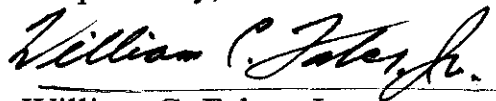
How to Prevent Credit Card Identity Theft

Identity theft can cost you plenty, both in both money and time. Victims of identity theft tell of frustration in their efforts to correct stolen credit identity. When a thief gets a hold of your personal data: social security number, address, phone number, the thieves make application for credit cards in your name or use your existing account numbers to make charges on your credit cards.

And its not just your credit cards and social security number that attract thieves. Thieves look to public information: court records, marriage certificates and property records. The big banks that offer pre-approved cards are the biggest culprits when it comes to leaking information.

Here's how to prevent theft of your identity: 1) take your social security card out of your wallet; 2) get your social security number removed from you personal checks and driver's license; 3) shred your credit-card receipts; 4) remove your name from the list of pre-approved credit offers by calling 888-567-8688.

Respectfully,



William C. Faber, Jr.

P.S.

I am sending a copy of a newspaper article I wrote for the Herald & Review about how to get good paying jobs for Decatur. I thought it might be of interest. Thank you.

A Road Map to Decatur Jobs

By Bill Faber

In the early days of Rome's Republic senators served in the army as generals. They paid special levies to pay for the wars they voted for. Rome lost many leaders during its first war against Carthage. Truly the Roman leaders put their money and their lives where their mouths were.

Last year America's debt reached \$489 billion dollars plus the tab to liberate Iraq. In the face of this red ink Congress passed a major tax cut. The top countries lending to the U.S. were China, Japan and Saudi Arabia. Our trade policy means that we are dependent on China and Japan for money, and Saudi Arabia and Kuwait for oil. That does not seem like a smart bet to me.

During the past 6 years, the U.S. lost 3.3 million jobs in the manufacturing sector, or



one in five of all jobs in the sector. This lost computes to a bigger loss than experienced in the 1980's recession - the recession that created the Rust Belt. The economists tell us not to worry - the market place will smooth the rocky road. Don't believe it. And the politicians stand mute; afraid to tell the people.

America stands much weakened. Even a nation as powerful as the U.S. cannot long take this careless course without financial consequence. Warren Buffet, the billionaire investor, refers to the United States as "Squanderville." He is shifting billions of his

investments into foreign currency for safety.

In 1971 President Nixon announced a 10 percent import surcharge. Like Nixon, President Bush should impose a temporary general tariff of 10 to 15 percent on all U.S. imports.

The tariff will stop companies from taking manufacturing abroad. The strategy of shifting jobs from the U.S. to low-wage nations, then selling the goods back to the U.S. will no longer be good business.

Decatur's City Council should pass a resolution in favor of protecting American manufacturing jobs and then pressure the Congress and the President for a fair trade policy that puts American workers first. Thanks for listening.

Bill Faber is a Decatur lawyer with over 20 years experience trying cases to juries of the people. He welcomes your comments at 425-9002.