

WE NEED A NEW NAFTA THAT PUTS WORKERS FIRST

Since 1994, NAFTA has devastated working families, putting corporate profits ahead of people. What's worse is that NAFTA has become the blueprint for all other trade agreements, from the way that it was negotiated in secret, to the bad provisions that have made their way into every agreement that has been signed since then, to strong language protecting workers being left out of those new agreements. Now, NAFTA is poised for renegotiation and we demand that it be reframed to work for workers instead of corporate interests.

Since NAFTA, every trade agreement has included:

- Investor-State Dispute Settlement, a system of "corporate courts" that undermine the rule of law and facilitate offshoring; and
- Provisions that undermine "Buy American" policies, putting foreign companies on equal footing with American employers for taxpayer-funded government contracts.

If that weren't bad enough, the NAFTA that exists today does not include important protections for American workers, like:

- Labor standards with teeth for American, Mexican or Canadian workers;
- Enforceable language to prevent currency manipulation; and
- High standards for rules of origin, so companies can't import a lot of parts from other countries and label them as "Made in North America."

And to top it off, NAFTA allows foreign trucks that do not meet U.S. safety or environmental standards to flood our highways, leading to dangerous road conditions and extra pollution.

Today's NAFTA protects corporations, but NAFTA 2.0 needs to protect working families. NAFTA 2.0 must be negotiated in the open, with input from working families, environmental groups and everyday Americans. Without those voices, NAFTA 2.0 will be more of the same.



A NEW NAFTA: *Make it Work for Workers*

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