

NO TO OFFSHORING OF JOBS & ECONOMIC FORCED MIGRATION! NO MORE NAFTAs! NO TPP & TTIP!

Dear Senator _____, Senator _____,
Representative _____ : cc: President Barack Obama:

As a candidate for President in 2008, Barack Obama pledged to break with the NAFTA free trade model – which has hurt working families at home and abroad. Tariff elimination under NAFTA enabled subsidized US agricultural products to flood the Mexican market at prices below their cost of production resulting in unfair competition. 2.5 million Mexican farmers were deprived of their livelihoods, leaving many with no choice but to emigrate for economic survival. Since the passage of NAFTA immigration to the US from Mexico has jumped by 60% and the Mexican population of New York City has seen a fivefold increase. The US also lost 700,000 jobs under NAFTA – many shipped south of the border to unsafe and exploitative sweatshops paying poverty wages. Unfortunately, President Obama has reversed course – first passing NAFTA-style trade deals with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea in 2011 and now pushing two massive regional trade agreements – the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

As our nation moves toward immigration reform it is crucial that we also consider the roots of migration and reform the trade policies that have destroyed communities and local economies and forced workers to make the perilous trip north of the border in order to sustain their families. Instead of pushing for more trade agreements that will disrupt more agricultural communities and result in more forced migration, President Obama must be held to his promise to change course on trade policy – not plow ahead with the expansion of a trade policy that only benefits the 1%.

Please urge President Obama to drop TPP and TTIP and to reform or end US participation in the trade agreements we already have. Please also commit to vote against Fast Track Authority for TPP, which will cede full negotiating power on these agreements to the White House and force Congress into an up or down vote on the agreements, eliminating Congress' power to amend them in order to protect working families. Please also pledge to vote against TPP and TPIP if they reach the floor of Congress.

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