

Leadership Council

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U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Rep. Michaud:

Change to Win applauds and strongly supports your initiative to set a new course on trade policy by reintroducing the TRADE Act. Rebalancing our trade and globalization policies to create and retain good jobs here at home – along with fostering sustainable and equitable development worldwide – has long been an urgent need, but is made all the more so in light of the sharp global recession.

Joseph Hansen  
International President  
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We all want American trade and globalization policies that promote opportunities for economic growth while meeting the larger societal goals of economic justice, poverty alleviation, healthy communities, human rights, and a clean environment. When enacted, this legislation will set new rules for global trade that create good American jobs, improve working conditions everywhere, and make sure that the benefits of trade are shared with workers, not just the CEOs of multinational corporations.

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The failed *free-trade*, NAFTA-CAFTA model has caused the loss of millions of U.S. jobs and has lowered the wages of a typical two-earner household by more than \$2,500/year. The TRADE Act provides a helpful roadmap for creating *fair* trade agreements that will promote economic recovery and help working families achieve the American Dream in the 21st century economy. Change to Win stands ready to work with you to enact this critical legislation.

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