

Democrats offer a trade policy that will:

- **Ensure that U.S. free trade agreements raise standards of living, create new markets for U.S. goods.**
 - Require countries to adopt, maintain and enforce basic international labor standards in their domestic laws and practices, not merely to “enforce their own laws”; same dispute settlement.
 - Promote sustainable development and combat global warming by requiring countries to implement and enforce common Multilateral Environmental Agreements; require Peru to adopt and enforce laws on logging Mahogany.
 - Re-establish a fair balance between promoting access to medicines and protecting pharmaceutical innovation in developing countries.
 - Ensure that government procurement promotes basic worker rights and acceptable conditions of work.
 - Promote US national security by protecting operations at US ports.
 - Ensure that trade agreement accords “no greater rights” to foreign investors in the US than to US investors.
- **Stand up for American workers, farmers and businesses, especially in the hard-hit U.S. manufacturing sector.**
 - **Enforce trade agreements, ensure that countries play by the rules so that trade is a two-way street.**
 - Take action to address massive Chinese subsidies and IPR violations, defend and strengthen US fair trade laws, press for *immediate* Administration action on China and Japan currency manipulation, use Bi-Partisan Congressional Proposal to open Korea’s closed markets for automotive, industrial goods, agriculture and pharmaceuticals, identify major new WTO actions and cases to break down foreign barriers.
 - Establish US Trade Enforcer to prepare WTO cases and US Trade Prosecutor to file them. Clinton Administration filed an average of 11 WTO cases a year; Bush Administration has filed 3 per year, while foreign countries have filed 47 against US.
- **Open major markets to create new opportunities for US workers, farmers, businesses — Raise standards of living at home and abroad.**
 - Reinvigorate role for Congress, including, as a first step, full partnership in WTO “Doha” negotiations on agriculture (including eliminating barriers to US exports, addressing tariffs and unjustifiable SPS barriers), manufacturing (including elimination of non-tariff barriers), services and dispute settlement, and strengthen rules on unfair trade.
- **Create Strategic Workers Assistance and Training Initiative (SWAT) to promote education, training and portable health and pension benefits:**
 - Form public-private partnership to educate our youth, update and upgrade workers’ skills on the job, provide meaningful health and pension benefits and income support, go beyond the current TAA system to provide meaningful support, training and revitalization programs for communities hurt by effects of trade and technology.
- **Expand America’s diplomacy and strengthen America’s national security** through an expanded program of trade and aid to foster development in the poorest countries in the world.
 - In 1970, the share of world trade of the 50 poorest countries was only 1.5%; in 2005, this already small share had been cut in half to 0.8%.
 - Pass immediate extension of Andean program; update and upgrade other trade-expanding programs and initiatives with developing countries, including for Haiti and AGOA.

The Constitution provides the authority to regulate foreign commerce to Congress under Art. 1, Sec. 8. Congress delegates this authority to the President under certain conditions. This is a first effort to re-establish the authority of Congress and create the right conditions for a US trade policy whose benefits are broadly shared by all Americans.