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Presidential Nominees Keep Trade Policy Debate Alive

With Sen. Barack Obama now the presumptive Democratic nominee, the battle between he and Republican candidate John McCain has started in earnest. Trade promises to be one of the key issues of this election, and both camps are seeking to accentuate the stark differences in trade policy between the two. Obama has committed to renegotiating NAFTA with the promise of inserting stronger labor and environmental provisions and enforcement of those provisions. He is also opposed to the Colombia, Korea, and Panama trade deal. McCain, on the other hand, is a staunch supporter of free trade and is in favor of every trade deal on the table at the moment and promises to keep NAFTA strong.

Obama to focus on bolstering Michigan 's future

Detroit News, June 15, 2008

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Korea Experts Join Obama, McCain Camps

Chosun Ilbo, June 13, 2008

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Democrats to Focus on Trade to Win Working Class

Reuters, June 12, 2008

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FACTBOX: McCain, Obama plans on U.S. trade policy

Reuters, June 4, 2008

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Obama, McCain Differ on Korea Policy

Korea Times, June 4, 2008

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Obama Opposes Korea-U.S. FTA

Donga, June 3, 2008

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Obama and McCain offer voters a choice on trade

Reuters, June 2, 2008

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Free trade issue dropped as race finishes in Montana

Associated Press, June 1, 2008

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Obama's Korea Trade Deal Objection Is Political, Minister Says

Bloomberg, May 26, 2008

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No evidence against PM's aide in NAFTA leak: inquiry

Canwest News Service, May 23, 2008

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For more information on trade in the elections, go to

www.citizenstrade.org/2008elections.php

Trade Reform, Accountability, Development & Employment (TRADE) Act Unveiled

On June 4, Rep. Mike Michaud (D-ME), Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA), and Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND) joined over 50 other Cosponsors and over a dozen fair trade groups and labor organizations in unveiling the TRADE Act. By setting down provisions for new trade agreements, the TRADE Act would act as a

framework for the creation of future trade agreements. To ensure that these guidelines for trade are enacted and enforced in current policy, it would reopen all existing trade agreements for review and renegotiation and suspend any new agreements until this process can be completed.

House: H.R.6180

www.citizenstrade.org/pdf/HouseTRADEActFinal.pdf

House Cosponsors

www.citizenstrade.org/tradecosponsors.php#house

Senate: S.3083

www.thomas.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:S.3083:

Senate Cosponsors

www.citizenstrade.org/tradecosponsors.php#senate

Congressional Press Releases

Brown, Dorgan, Michaud, Sanchez, And Colleagues; Labor Leaders; Fair Trade Activists Unveil The Trade Act Office of Senator

Office of Senator Sherrod Brown, June 4, 2008

brown.senate.gov/newsroom/press_releases/release/?id=98d63bbc-b3f5-4a7d-91f3-fbf4df88a6e

Rep. Michaud and Sen. Brown Introduce TRADE Act

Office of Congressman Mike Michaud, June 4, 2008

michaud.house.gov/article.asp?id=617

Rep. Sánchez Introduces "TRADE Act" with Rep. Michaud, Sens. Brown and Dorgan, Office of Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez, June 4, 2008

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Congresswoman Sutton Statement on Introduction of the TRADE Act

Office of Congresswoman Betty Sutton, June 4, 2008

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Hare Statement on the Introduction of the TRADE Act

Office of Congressman Phil Hare, June 4, 2008

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Statement on Joint Resolution to Establish a Framework to Guarantee Fairness in All Trade Agreements, Office of Congressman Tom Allen, June 4, 2008

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Letters of Support

Support the 2008 Trade Reform, Accountability, Development and Employment

(TRADE) Act, Citizens Trade Campaign, June 4, 2008

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Letter to House of Representative in Support of TRADE Act

United Steelworkers, June 4, 2008

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IAM Supports Brown/Michaud TRADE Act: Time for a New Model

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

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Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) supports TRADE ACT

Americans for Democratic Action, June 4, 2008

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Statement by AFL-CIO President John Sweeney On the Introduction of the Trade Reform, Accountability, Development and Employment (TRADE) Act

AFL-CIO, June 4, 2008

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Statement by Maine AFL-CIO President Ed Gorham On Introduction of the Trade Reform, Accountability, Development and Employment (TRADE) Act

Maine AFL-CIO, June 4, 2008

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Statement from Dr. Brent Blackwelder, President of Friends of the Earth, on the Trade Reform, Accountability, Development and Employment Act

Friends of the Earth, June 3, 2008

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Statement from UNITE-HERE General President Bruce Raynor in Support of the Trade Reform, Accountability, Development and Employment (TRADE) Act of 2008, UNITE-HERE

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Democrats Introduce New Direction on Trade

Communication Workers of America, June 5, 2008

www.cwa-union.org/news/democrats-introduce-new-direction-on-trade.html

Congressional Leaders Launch Bold Trade Reform Act

Citizens Trade Campaign, June 4, 2008

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New Bill Trades Good Deals for Bad: TRADE Act Helps Fight Global Warming, Protect Workers and Environment

Sierra Club, June 4, 2008

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Hoffa Supports New Rules for Global Trade

International Brotherhood of Teamsters, June 4, 2008

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NFU Supports TRADE Act

National Farmers Union, June 4, 2008

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Family Farmers Praise Introduction of Trade Bill that Helps Address Global Food Crisis, National Family Farm Coalition, June 4, 2008

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Change to Win Hails New Model for Trade

Change to Win, June 4, 2008

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Public Citizen Supports Landmark Trade Expansion Legislation

Public Citizen, June 4, 2008

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Progressive Dems Break with Trade Consensus; Demand a Change of Course

AlterNet, June 10, 2008

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Storming The Beast: Rolling Back So-Called "Free Trade"

Jonathan Tasini, June 5, 2008

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Cleveland Plain Dealer, June 5, 2008

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Democrats seek yearly report on Korea 's wage level

Yonhap News Agency, June 5, 2008

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Lawmakers, citing Obama, urge U.S. redo trade deals

Reuters, June 4, 2008

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Sen. Brown calls for trade 'time out' to make changes in policy

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The Canadian Press, June 4, 2008

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Michaud, Brown call for review of trade agreements

Associated Press, June 4, 2008

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Democrats, Unions Push Plan to Review, Overhaul Trade Accords

Bloomberg, June 4, 2008

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Critics continue offering compelling arguments for opposing US-Colombia Free Trade Agreement

Colombia deal is a bad one

New Hampshire Business Review, June 6, 2008

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Talking Points: Colombia 's Horrific Labor Abuses Are Among a Long List of Reasons to Oppose the Colombia FTA

Public Citizen, June 5, 2008

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