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## You Did It! New Trade Reform Majority

Thanks to your advocacy, the TRADE Act - the comprehensive reform bill that turns around our failed trade policy - has reached a key milestone. The bill has won support from over half the Democrats in the House of Representatives. **That's right: because of you, we have a new trade reform majority!**

The Trade Reform, Accountability, Development and Employment (TRADE) Act officially became the majority position of House Democrats when longtime trade champion Rep. George Miller - the senior California Democrat who chairs the House Committee on Education and Labor - joined California's newly elected Rep. John Garamendi at a Bay Area press conference to announce their cosponsorship. The legislation now has 137 cosponsors, but to actually implement President Obama's campaign commitments to trade reform - to replace NAFTA and make sure future agreements work for most people - the TRADE Act must have even more sponsors.



**[Make sure your representatives and senators](#)** are on the winning side of the growing mandate for trade reform!

**[Take action now to be sure your representatives and senators support the TRADE Act - the growing consensus on trade reform!](#)** As you can imagine, the pro-offshoring forces pushing more-of-the-same U.S.-job-killing trade deals are not pleased by this great development on the TRADE Act and are redoubling their efforts to thwart change.

Among the long list of House cosponsors of the TRADE Act are twelve committee chairs and fifty-five sub-committee chairs - the senior and influential members that comprise the leadership of the House. The bipartisan bill also boasts the support of Republicans and blocs of members from House caucuses that rarely agree on anything - including altogether the Congressional Black (30 cosponsors), Hispanic (ten), Blue Dog (22), and New Democrat (18) caucuses.

We need to expand the House sponsorship - and get an impressive list of senators to join the bill's original seven Senate sponsors.

**[Contact your representative and both of your senators today](#)** to make sure they stand with the American public's expectation that President Obama delivers on his many campaign commitments for real trade reform.

The TRADE Act outlines a way forward to a new trade and globalization agenda that could benefit more Americans. It requires a review of existing trade pacts, including NAFTA, the WTO and other major pacts, and sets forth what must and must not be included in future trade pacts.

**[Contact your representative and both of your senators today to be sure they support reforms that forge a new global economy that puts working people and the environment ahead of corporate profits.](#)**

Thanks for all that you do,  
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