

The USMCA Review

Changes Needed to Deliver Promised Benefits for Working Families & Communities

The **U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)** is the revised version of the North American Free Agreement (NAFTA) that President Trump negotiated during his first term in office. When signing the pact, President Trump called the USMCA “*the best trade deal ever*” and promised it would bring “*jobs pouring into the United States*,” be “*an especially great victory for our farmers*,” and provide other concrete benefits to the American people.

Instead, **the U.S. trade deficit has skyrocketed under the USMCA** relative to NAFTA; corporations continue to offshore good-paying jobs to Mexico to take advantage of ongoing labor rights violations, lax pollution controls and abysmally-low wages; and the pact continues to restrict public interest policy making in all three countries.

As the **mandatory six-year review of the USMCA** approaches, significant changes to the agreement are needed so that it benefits working families and contributes to the development of a resilient and fair economy in the United States and across North America. Hundreds of labor and civil society groups are calling for the USMCA review to deliver the following changes.

END THE OFFSHORING OF GOOD-PAYING JOBS

- **ENFORCE STRONG LABOR & ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS:** Establish strong labor and environmental standards backed by swift-and-certain, facility-specific enforcement mechanisms with meaningful penalties for violations — protecting rights and removing corporations’ major incentives to offshore jobs.
- **RAISE WAGES ACROSS THE REGION:** Require goods and services imported under the deal to be produced by workers making a fair wage, and require supply chain transparency on wages.
- **PREVENT CIRCUMVENTION:** Include strong Rules of Origin to ensure more of the parts used in goods assembled in North America are made in the United States and other countries meeting high standards and wage requirements.

STRENGTHEN RURAL COMMUNITIES

- **TREAT FARMERS FAIRLY:** Safeguard governments’ rights to manage agricultural supplies at fair prices that cover farmers’ costs of production and via policies that allow for stable domestic supplies and discourage dumping.
- **ENABLE CONSUMER RIGHT-TO-KNOW:** Establish mandatory Country of Origin Labeling rules for beef, pork, dairy, egg and seafood products.

Changes Needed in the USMCA Review

END SCAPEGOATING & XENOPHOBIA

- **STOP DEMONIZING IMMIGRANTS:** Address root causes of economic displacement and migration by strengthening opportunities for workers and farmers to earn secure livelihoods at home, while also better protecting the rights of migrants.

PREVENT CORPORATE POWER GRABS

- **ELIMINATE GIVEAWAYS TO BIG TECH:** Eliminate so-called “digital trade” provisions added to the USMCA that help Big Tech offshore digital economy jobs and undermine online privacy, data security, AI accountability and anti-monopoly policies.
- **END OTHER SPECIAL RIGHTS FOR CORPORATIONS:** Eliminate Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) and so-called Good Regulatory Practices (GRP) provisions that help corporations undermine industrial and public interest policies.

ENABLE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- **EXPAND ACCESS TO MEDICINE:** Affirm governments’ rights to use compulsory licensing to address public health needs and to negotiation for lower prescription medicine prices, while eliminating any “TRIPS-plus” provisions that establish special rights for pharmaceutical monopolies.
- **REDUCE POLLUTION:** Strengthen climate and other environmental provisions to reduce emissions from the industrial sector and to ensure transparency in the pollution-intensity of major energy-intensive products including steel and aluminum.

EMBRACE TRANSPARENCY

- **ADOPT A TRANSPARENT & PARTICIPATORY PROCESS:** Enable robust public participation and Congressional oversight by published U.S. proposals for USMCA revisions for public comment before proceeding with them, and by publishing draft texts and supporting documents throughout the USMCA review process.

How to Make a Difference!

- ✊ Write to trade negotiators demanding that the USMCA review prioritize people over profits
- ✊ Sign up to learn more about ongoing steps in the USMCA renegotiation



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