



Maine Fair Trade Campaign

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MAINE FAIR TRADE CAMPAIGN 2008 VOTER GUIDE

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Where do the candidates stand on trade?

The NAFTA era of trade policy has been **devastating** for the state of Maine and for working families and small farmers around the world. These "free" trade agreements are **rigged** to benefit corporate bottom lines at the expense of the environment, working families and our state sovereignty.

To read the candidates full questionnaire responses, visit www.maineairtrade.org/maine-elections08.php

U.S. SENATE



**Senator
Susan
Collins**



**Rep.
Tom
Allen**

Colombia Free Trade Agreement

REFUSES to take a position on the NAFTA expansion to Colombia, the country with a union leader murder rate greater than the rest of the world combined

OPPOSES the Colombia FTA because he believes in workers rights, human rights, and trade that benefits Maine workers

Peru Free Trade Agreement

Voted **YES** to expand NAFTA to Peru

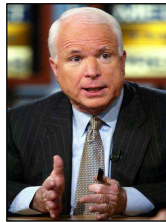
OPPOSED the NAFTA expansion

Fast-Track

Voted **IN FAVOR** of giving the President exclusive power to negotiate trade agreements

Voted **AGAINST** Fast-Track, believing Congress should have a voice in trade negotiations

U.S. PRESIDENT



**Senator
John McCain**



**Senator
Barack
Obama**

Colombia Free Trade Agreement

SUPPORTS the Colombia FTA, says that we need to support our most important ally in South America and that the Colombia FTA will help the economy

OPPOSES the Colombia FTA, due to a lack of enforceable labor and environmental provisions

NAFTA- North American Free Trade Agreement

SUPPORTS NAFTA, says it has been good for the economy, and wants to keep it the way it is

Wants to **RE-NEGOTIATE** NAFTA to be better for workers and the environment

U.S. CONGRESS- DISTRICT 1



**Chellie
Pingree**



**Charlie
Summers**

NAFTA

"There is no question in my mind that we need to **renegotiate** NAFTA...Many of the "positives" espoused by NAFTA proponents have not come true and all too many of the negatives the opponents warned of have come to fruition" [MFTC questionnaire]

"Overall, NAFTA has had a **positive** effect on our economy." [Primary Debate on WGAN Radio, 6/05/08]

U.S CONGRESS- DISTRICT 2



Rep. Mike Michaud



John Frary

TRADE POLICY

Rep. Michaud is a champion for fair trade in the U.S. Congress. He founded the House Trade Working Group, led the fight against the flawed Peru Free Trade Agreement, and submitted legislation called the TRADE Act, setting a new direction for trade policy. He fights for the interests of working families, the environment, and our democracy.

Did not return our questionnaire.

Why does trade matter in this election?

U.S. "free trade policy is a disaster for working families, farmers, the environment, and our democracy. However, we are beginning to see the tide shift and now have the opportunity to move Congress towards a new direction in trade policy. Such reform is heavily dependent on a strong grassroots movement and fair trade must be a high profile issue for candidates in this election.

In 2006, 7 Senate seats and 30 House seats in U.S. Congress were won by candidates running on fair trade platforms, ousting free-traders and taking open seats across the country.

Trade is a wedge issue that distinguishes candidates from one another. In this time of economic hardship, it is important to look at the root causes of the problems we are facing. Trade is one of these root cause issues that has dramatically impacted our economy.

Visit the Citizens Trade Campaign website to see more about how candidates across the country are running on a fair trade platform. <http://www.citizenstrade.org/>

Trade has been in the headlines this election season

"Pingree, Summers talk NAFTA, Health Care" <http://bangornews.com/detail/91069.html>

"District 1 candidates view issues of trade, taxes quite differently"
<http://pressherald.maintoday.com/story.php?id=211644&ac=>

"Allen, Collins remain civil in first debate"
<http://kennebecjournal.maintoday.com/news/local/5435210.html>

Resources for more information

For more information on trade in the elections, visit our website www.maineairtrade.org/maine-elections08.php where you will find the information we have compiled as well as [links](#) to other groups working on this issue.

How do I get involved?

YOU can help make trade an election issue! By bird-dogging (asking candidates questions about trade), writing a letter to the editor, or sending this email to your friends and family, you can help educate voters on the trade issue. Visit www.maineairtrade.org for more info or call Sarah and Daphne at 777-6387.