

2016 Maine Fair Trade Campaign Coalition Member Organization Join/Renew Form

Organization Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- PLEASE NOTE – Member organizations can designate someone to represent their organization on the MFTC Board, which meets monthly. This person would be expected to attend monthly meetings and serve as a liaison between MFTC & your organization. You do not have to designate someone. Organizations can be members of MFTC without being active on the Board but we are stronger if more organizations participate.

Would you like to have a representative on the MFTC Board?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____ maybe in the future

If you would like to designate someone as your MFTC board representative please provide the name and contact information (address, phone, email) here:

If there are others you would like to list as alternates (these people will receive most leadership communications from the MFTC, as well as all activist communications) include their names and contact information here and/or on a separate page

Membership Dues (We rely on coalition dues to fund the coalition. Our **suggested** dues structure is based on your organizational budget. Please pay more if you can, less if you have to. Checks can be made out to MFTC and sent with this form to MFTC, PO Box 2493, South Portland ME 04116)

\$50,000 and above	_____ \$100	\$500,000 budget and above	_____ \$500
\$100,000 budget and above	_____ \$250	\$1,000,000 budget and above	_____ \$750
_____ \$Other (specify amount your organization will pay)			

Organizational Membership Responsibilities and Rights:

- Support the mission & principles of the Maine Fair Trade Campaign (on back)
- Help educate and mobilize your members on these issues as needed and as you are capable
- Pay annual membership dues
- Has the right to have a representative on MFTC Board and to participate in MFTC decisions and campaigns.

What is the Maine Fair Trade Campaign?

The Maine Fair Trade Campaign (MFTC) is a state coalition of labor, environmental, family farm, religious, peace and justice, and other civil society groups based in Maine. We are united in a common belief that international trade and investment are not ends unto themselves, but instead must be viewed as a means for achieving other societal goals such as economic justice, human rights, healthy communities, and a sound environment. The rules which govern the global economy must reflect the views and needs of the majority of the world's people on issues such as jobs, wages, the environment, human rights, food and consumer safety, access to essential services, and public health. MFTC is a leading organizing and advocacy vehicle in the state to fight for trade and globalization policy that is not tilted in favor of the interests of multinational corporations and against the interests of the majority of the world's people.

What Do We Do?

MFTC works to educate, organize and mobilize organizations and individuals to work for the creation of just trade policies and a fair global economy that respects working people, family farmers, our environment, and our democracy. We forward this purpose through education, statewide organizing and coalition building, state and national legislative work and lobbying, and the promotion of local and global fair trade alternatives. The MFTC works to help make the connections between international trade and economic policies and their local impact on Maine workers and small businesses, Maine's environment and Maine's democracy.

What is Our Common Vision?

Environmental, labor, health, and other public interest standards must not be undermined by international trade and investment rules.

Global labor, environmental, and other public interest standards must be strengthened to prevent a global "race to the bottom."

Raising standards in developing countries requires additional assistance and respect for diversity of policies and priorities. Trade is no substitute for aid.

Countries must be allowed to design and implement policies to sustain family farms and achieve food security.

Healthy local, regional and national economies are essential to a healthy global economy.

Rules for the global economy must be developed and implemented democratically and with transparency and accountability.