

# Pennsylvania Fair Trade Coalition

## *Presidential Candidate Questionnaire*

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The Pennsylvania Fair Trade Coalition represents labor, environmental, family farm, faith and community organizations throughout the state.

We are interested in knowing what you think about a variety of issues regarding international trade policy. Answers to the following questions will be used to educate voters, highlight trade issues and create voter guides.

Please return your completed questionnaire to Amy Conahan by emailing [amy@citizenstrade.org](mailto:amy@citizenstrade.org) or calling (412) 999-3750.

### Views on Free Trade Agreements

1. NAFTA has been in effect for more than 20 years. How would you describe the overall effects of NAFTA on U.S. workers and the U.S. economy?

Please circle one: Severely Damaging   Damaging   No Effect   Somewhat Positive   Positive

Additional Comments:

*Across all of our policies, American worker and American jobs have to come first. And one area where we've gotten this balance wrong over the years is trade. Looking back over the past decades, as globalization picked up steam, there's no doubt that the benefits of trade have not been as widely enjoyed as many predicted. Corporations may have won, but many workers lost. They lost their jobs, and they lost their sense of purpose. Cheaper goods are no substitute for that. So America has to do better. I have said for almost a decade that we need to renegotiate NAFTA, and I still believe that today. I'm not against all trade, but I insist that it be fair trade. I've laid out a three-part test for any trade agreement to earn my support: it must (1) create American jobs, (2) raise wages, and (3) improve our national security. I think we should review all existing trade agreements with the same scrutiny.*

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2. A final text for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) was released in November 2015. If implemented, the pending TPP would become the largest U.S. Free Trade Agreement to date. Do you support or oppose the TPP?

Please circle one:     **Support**            **Oppose**

**Additional Comments:**

*I will say "no" to new trade agreements unless they create American jobs, raise wages, and improve our national security. After looking at the final terms of the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement, including what it contains on currency manipulation and its weak rules of origin standard for what counts as a car that can get treaty benefits, I opposed the agreement because it did not meet my test. I also opposed the only multilateral trade deal I voted on in the Senate, the Central America Free Trade Agreement.*

3. Would you support or oppose future trade agreements, including the TPP and the pending Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), if they included "investor-state" dispute resolution, a mechanism that allows foreign corporations to challenge U.S. federal, state and local laws, regulations, court decisions and government actions in private extrajudicial tribunals that circumvent the U.S. judicial system to obtain unlimited sums of taxpayer compensation for those that investors claim violate their new TPP rights and undermine investors' expectations?

Please circle one:     **Support**            **Oppose**

**Additional Comments:**

*As I have said, I have 3 tests for any new trade agreements: do they (1) create American jobs, (2) raise wages, and (3) improve our national security? If the agreements won't create good-paying jobs here at home and make our country stronger, I simply won't support them. With respect to the flawed ISDS provisions in TPP—which I even wrote about in my book—I think we need to have a new paradigm for trade agreements that doesn't give special rights to corporations that workers and NGOs don't get.*

4. Would you support or oppose future trade agreements, including the TPP and TTIP, if they provide drug firms extended monopoly rights — by requiring signatory countries to effectively lengthen patent terms, provide data or marketing exclusivity or broaden the scope of patentability — thereby delaying access to affordable, generic medications?

Please circle one:     **Support**            **Oppose**

**Additional Comments:**

*As I have said with respect to TPP, we need to make sure we're not putting the interests of drug companies ahead of patients and consumers. Those provisions in the final TPP agreement are one of the reasons I opposed it. And that same standard holds true for any future trade agreements.*

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## Views on "Fast Track" Trade Promotion Authority

5. Would you support or oppose attempts to reestablish "Fast Track" trade promotion authority when it expires?

*To earn my support, any new trade agreement must promise to create American jobs, raise wages, and improve our national security. When the Bush Administration sought trade promotion authority in 2002, I opposed it because I was not confident that they would pursue agreements that would meet these high standards.*

Please Circle One:    Support            Oppose

Additional Comments:

6. Would you support or oppose strengthening Congress' role in trade policy by replacing Fast Track with a new trade authority mechanism that includes congressionally-set readiness criteria to determine appropriate negotiating partners and the right for Congress to veto partners proposed by the executive branch as necessary; involvement of more congressional committees and a more transparent negotiating process; binding obligations regarding what must and must not be in future trade agreements; and the right for Congress to vote on an agreement before it can be signed?

Please Circle One:    Support            Oppose

Additional Comments:

*Congress should play an integral role in U.S. trade policy to ensure that our policies are working for American workers. As President, I would look to engage Congress as a true partner in trade negotiations; improve the transparency and inclusivity of the process, not just for members of Congress and their staffs, but also for unions, environmental groups, and other public interest groups; and ensure that Congress has access to the information it needs in order to set priorities for and evaluate any new agreements.*

*If I'm fortunate enough to be elected President, organized labor will always have a champion in the White House and a seat at the table.*

## Views on Public Procurement

7. Would you support or oppose future trade agreements, including the TPP and TTIP, if they limit the adoption, maintenance, or application of strong "Buy American" and "Buy Local" government procurement preferences by the U.S. federal government and/or by states and municipalities?

Please circle one:    Support            Oppose

Additional Comments:

*As I have throughout my career, I will support strong "Buy American" standards, which support good-paying U.S. jobs. I'll fight against any proposals that undermine workers' rights or strong labor*

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*and domestic sourcing standards. I've emphasized that, as part of my "new bargain" for American workers, my approach to trade would be to establish and enforce fair rules so that our workers compete on a level playing field and countries don't race to the bottom on labor, the environment, and so much else.*

## Views on Consumer Safety and the Environment

8. Would you support or oppose a trade agreement that allows entry into the U.S. of imported food, toys and other products that do not actually meet U.S. safety standards?

Please circle one:      **Support**      **Oppose**

**Additional Comments:**

*New trade agreements must not weaken American safety standards, and imports need to comply with our rules – keeping ourselves and our children safe and ensuring a level playing field for U.S. farmers, producers and manufacturers. This is a good example of the high standards I will apply to trade agreements across the board.*

9. Would you support or oppose future trade policies, including the TPP and TTIP, if they fail to include an environmental chapter that requires countries to “adopt, maintain and implement” in their domestic laws the requirements of at least as many Multilateral Environmental Agreements as those included in George W. Bush-era trade agreements, such as the Peru Free Trade Agreement?

Please circle one:      **Support**      **Oppose**

**Additional Comments:**

*I'm not interested in tinkering around the margins of our trade policy. I think we need a fundamental rethink of how we approach trade deals going forward – and it can't just be about the words of the deal. I believe it is critical that we address health and environmental regulations and workers' rights and wages in our trade agreements. Multilateral trade agreements can be used to raise global trade standards. And we can bring others along in having higher labor, environmental and other standards.*

10. Would you support or oppose future trade agreements, including the TPP and TTIP, if they fail to mention the term “climate change” and fail to include clear carve-outs protecting future climate policies from attack under the agreement?

Please circle one:      **Support**      **Oppose**

**Additional Comments:**

*As president I will ensure that our trade policy supports, rather than undermines, our policies to reduce emissions at home and encourage climate action abroad. I know there is concern among environmental groups that the ISDS provisions in the TPP could be used to undermine U.S. efforts to cut carbon pollution and take action on climate change. With respect to the flawed ISDS provisions in*

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## Views on Currency Manipulation

11. In 2013, 60 U.S. Senators and 230 Representatives demanded that the TPP include enforceable rules against currency manipulation. Would you support or oppose future trade policies that fail to include enforceable disciplines against currency manipulation?

Please circle one:      Support      Oppose

### Additional Comments:

*We need to crack down on foreign countries, like China, that cheat the rules. One of the reasons I opposed the final terms of the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement was my concern that it didn't do enough to address currency manipulation. I will take on foreign countries that keep their goods artificially cheap by manipulating their currencies, and expand our toolbox to include effective new remedies to respond, such as duties, tariffs, or other measures.*

These answers represent my beliefs, are part of the public record and may be used by the Pennsylvania Fair Trade Coalition to keep its members and the public informed about trade issues.

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Signature

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Date

*Thank you for your willingness to complete this questionnaire. We would like to act as a resource of information to you and your campaign, and look forward to working with you over the period of your candidacy, and thereafter.*