

## **A framework for Fair Trade is on the way**

NETWORK activists like you have consistently opposed unfair trade agreements. You've helped your members of Congress understand how our trade policies hurt poor and vulnerable communities in the U.S. and in the developing world.

Now we have a key opportunity to help Congress map a fair way forward on trade!

Rep. Mike Michaud (D-ME) plans to introduce the 2009 Trade Reform, Accountability, Development and Employment (TRADE) Act in the House in the next few weeks, possibly as early as this Wednesday, June 10.

Please e-mail your representative this week and urge her/him to be an original co-sponsor of the 2009 TRADE Act. The more co-sponsors the TRADE Act has when introduced, the more momentum we will gain for a fair trade agenda.

You can send an e-mail to your Representative via <http://capwiz.com/networklobby/issues/alert/?alertid=13498686&type=CO>

The TRADE Act is an excellent vehicle for reevaluating U.S. trade policy and reshaping it so that it serves our common interests in stable jobs, a secure environment, public health and safety and poverty reduction. It sets standards for what must and must not be included in a responsible trade agreement and requires a comprehensive review of existing trade agreements like NAFTA and CAFTA that are failing to serve the majority of people in the U.S. and in our trading partners.