

DODD OPPOSES PERU FREE TRADE AGREEMENT: *US NEEDS TO TAKE "STRATEGIC PAUSE," NOT SIGN ANY NEW TRADE AGREEMENTS*

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Washington, DC - Senator and Presidential Candidate Chris Dodd today released the following statement voicing his opposition to Peru Free Trade Agreement, which would take jobs away from American workers and send them to Peruvian workers instead.

"Americans are looking for change - but there's nothing new in supporting the failed trade policy of the last six years, which is partially responsible for the loss of 3 million manufacturing jobs. It's disappointing that Senators Clinton and Obama, in supporting this agreement, would support more of the same, which will only add to our deficit, taking jobs away from hardworking Americans and shipping them elsewhere.

"The United States must take a "strategic pause" and not sign any new trade agreements until we have a model for trade that raises -- not lowers -- living standards for the vast majority of Americans and the people in countries with which we trade. It's time to put the interests of our own people ahead of the interests of large corporations and give American families the reassurance that 'Made in America' means that their children will not be poisoned by imports."