

# Wisconsin FAIR TRADE Coalition

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### Instructions

Thank you for raising your voice to insist that elected leaders say "NO" to the Panama "Free" Trade Agreement.

Please fill out all three cards to the right. If someone at this location is collecting these cards, please leave them attached to this sheet and hand the whole sheet back.

If not, please detach the cards, and mail them individually, using a 28¢ stamp, or post them as a group to:

Wisconsin Fair Trade Coalition  
5027 W. North Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Today, we are reaching out to have our voice heard by U.S. Rep. Ron Kind and U.S. Senator Herb Kohl. The third card will go to your Congressperson.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to call 414-344-1733 or email info@wisconsinfairtrade.org

For more information about the Panama "Free" Trade Agreement and other proposed agreements that continue a policy that moves in the wrong direction, please visit:

www.wisconsinfairtrade.org  
www.citizenstrade.org  
www.tradewatch.org



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The Wisconsin Fair Trade Coalition is dedicated to promoting sensible global trade policy to benefit all.

We believe that the "NAFTA-style" model of trade leads to a race to the bottom, with benefits accruing only to elite, wealthy corporate leaders.

The rules of global trade can be written in a fair, inclusive way to promote trade while ensuring American families stay strong.

Why the Panama FTA is bad policy  
Panama's economy thrives on banking secrecy and money laundering. Its "comparative advantage" comes from the ease with which U.S.-based companies create subsidiaries there to evade paying taxes in America. Panama is legendary for being a haven for off-shore tax cheats.

We should not reward companies that close down in the U.S. and set up shop abroad to take advantage of sub-standard wages and labor laws, off-shoring loopholes and lax environmental regulations.

Passing this holdover Bush-era agreement will only make offshoring jobs easier, and is the wrong place for trade policy to start anew with a fresh congress and administration.

That's why not one U.S. labor, faith, environmental, or consumer group has yet to endorse the Panama FTA, which utilizes the failed NAFTA/CAFTA model that has resulted in major job loss, wage depression, environmental degradation, the decimation of family farms & more undocumented immigration.

Passing the Panama "Free" Trade agreement makes no sense for American families.

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