Dear Representative [Last Name],

As a constituent, I am writing to ask that you please speak out publicly to demand that the ongoing renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) puts working people and the planet ahead of corporate profits.

[Stateians] need trade policy to prioritize the creation of good-paying jobs, increases in wages and the safeguarding of environmental and public health protections. I urge you to fight for a NAFTA replacement deal that:

• Prevents employers from outsourcing jobs in favor of sweatshop-wages and lax environmental rules abroad, by requiring all countries to meet strong labor and environmental standards (including the core International Labor Organization Conventions and Paris Climate Accord, among others) before the renegotiated pact takes effect, and by ensuring that the standards are easy to enforce if there are future violations;

• Protects human rights abroad and jobs at home with specific requirements that directly raise Mexican wages, end interference in labor organizing campaigns and prevent gender-based discrimination, harassment and violence;

• Eliminates the Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) system that makes companies feel safer moving jobs to low-wage countries and that gives multinational corporations rights to sue governments over health and safety laws before tribunals of three corporate lawyers;

• Enables the use of local taxpayer funds to support local economies, by getting rid of NAFTA’s ban on “Buy American” and “Buy Local” government purchasing policies;

• Levels the playing field for businesses, farmers and workers and protecting consumers in all three countries by requiring imported goods and services to meet domestic safety, licensing, consumer right-to-know and environmental rules, and that allows countries to establish domestic farm policies that ensure farmers and farmworkers are paid fairly for their crops and livestock;

• Encourages access to affordable medications by prohibiting any expansion of pharmaceutical company monopolies; and
• **Embraces a transparent process** that gives both policymakers and the public access to negotiating proposals and draft texts, and ends the unfair special access to U.S. proposals currently enjoyed by hundreds of corporate trade advisors.

NAFTA’s renegotiation presents an opportunity to build a new international consensus around fair trade policy — but it’s an opportunity that will be squandered if corporate lobbyists and advocates of the business-as-usual policies that the public has so soundly rejected are the only ones speaking out.

Please speak out in favor of the commonsense demands above, and please let me know your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

[Your Signature]

[Your Name]