Views on Trade Agreement Provisions

1. LABOR RIGHTS: If elected, would you insist that new and renegotiated trade agreements include measures requiring countries to adopt, maintain and implement the International Labor Organization’s core conventions and to include swift and certain enforcement mechanisms for alleged violations of labor rights?

Please mark one: [X] YES  [ ] NO

Additional Comments:

I will negotiate trade agreements with vital economic partners and emerging regions of the world to strengthen key domestic economic sectors and rebuild American national security.
relationships. These agreements will be negotiated in a manner that includes the voices and reflects the input of all stakeholders, particularly environmental groups, indigenous populations, and labor unions. No deal will be signed unless it respects and furthers strong labor standards and enforceable environmental protections. My administration will also rebuild our own institutions, respecting the knowledge and skills of career officials to forge and foster partnerships, networks, and collaborations that will protect American national interests, project American leadership and values, and make us safer and more prosperous.

2. OUTSOURCING: Would you require trade agreements include measures specifically designed to combat outsourcing across sectors, including in aerospace, autos, food processing, call centers and more?

Please mark one:  [X] YES  [ ] NO

Additional Comments:

I am opposed to the outsourcing of American jobs, including the aerospace, auto, food processing and call center professions. In addition, every worker deserves a living wage and the ability to collectively bargain.

3. PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: Would you insist that trade agreements remove all limitations on the adoption, maintenance and application of strong “Buy American,” “Buy Local” and “Buy Green” government procurement preferences by the U.S. federal government, states and municipalities?

Please mark one:  [X] YES  [ ] NO

Additional Comments:

Any procurement preferences in US trade agreements must be negotiated in a manner that include environmental groups, indigenous populations, and labor unions. In my administration, I will fight to ensure that trade deals do not restrict our ability to “Buy American,” “Buy Local,” and “Buy Green,” and all future deals will be negotiated in this manner.

4. CURRENCY: Would you require trade agreements to include enforceable disciplines against currency manipulation and misalignment?

Please mark one:  [X] YES  [ ] NO

Additional Comments:

5. CLIMATE CRISIS: Would you require trade agreements to include binding, easily-enforced standards to reduce climate pollution, as well as clear protections for climate and other environmental policies?

Please mark one:  [X] YES  [ ] NO

Additional Comments:
With only 10 years left to stave off the worst effects of the climate crisis, I’m the only candidate in this race who will make combating climate change their top priority. Climate change threatens humanity and the world. Our lives and communities are in peril. If this isn’t the top priority for our next president, it won’t get done.

Combatting the climate crisis must be the guiding principle behind every foreign and domestic policy decision — including trade deals. I would absolutely include binding, easily-enforced standards to reduce climate pollution, as well as clear protections for climate and other environmental policies.

We must organize and unite all Americans around this common purpose. I’m the only candidate in this field who will make this commitment and mean it.

But don’t take my word for it, look at my record. Over the last ten years I have been taking on Big Oil, the utilities, and huge corporations to protect our air and water. I’ve lead fights in California, Nevada, and Michigan to transition to renewable energy, to stop pipelines and shut down coal fired power plants.

It is time that we break the stranglehold these companies have over our health and safety. We need a president who fights for our climate everyday — I am prepared to do that.

6. MEDICINE: Would you oppose trade agreements that delay access to affordable, generic medications by providing drug firms extended monopoly rights — such as requirements that signatory countries lock-in lengthy patent terms, provide data or marketing exclusivity, enforce trade secrets for pharmaceutical companies and/or broaden the scope of patentability?

Please mark one: [X] YES [ ] NO

Additional Comments:

7. CONSUMER SAFETY: Would you insist that trade agreements only allow imported foods, toys and other products to enter the United States if they actually meet U.S. safety standards?

Please mark one: [X] YES [ ] NO

Additional Comments:

8. COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN LABELING: Would you require trade agreements to explicitly allow for the restoration of the Country-of-Origin (COOL) meat-labeling program passed by the U.S. Congress and affirmed by U.S. courts, but struck down by the World Trade Organization (WTO)?

Please mark one: [X] YES [ ] NO

Additional Comments:
9. **ISDS**: Would you insist that trade agreements eliminate investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) and any similar mechanism that allows corporations to challenge U.S. laws, regulations, court decisions and other government actions in extrajudicial tribunals that are empowered to award taxpayer compensation for violations of investors’ trade agreement rights?

Please mark one:  
[ ] YES  [X] NO

**Additional Comments:**

I believe trade agreements should be negotiated with the input of all stakeholders and that dispute settlement should be handled in a manner that is fair to all parties involved, not behind closed doors in a closed-door proceeding outside the normal justice process that prioritizes multinational claims over local input.

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**Views on Trade Policymaking Procedures**

10. **FAST TRACK**: Would you oppose efforts to reestablish “Fast Track” trade promotion authority when it expires?

Please mark one:  
[ ] YES  [X] NO

**Additional Comments:**

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11. **CONGRESSIONAL ROLE**: Would you support strengthening Congress’ role in trade policymaking by replacing Fact 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; involvement for more congressional committees and a 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 mark one:  
[ ] YES  [X] NO

**Additional Comments:**

These answers represent my beliefs, are part of the public record, and may be used by the California Trade Justice Coalition and its partners to inform the public about trade issues.

__________________________________________________________      Signature

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Thank you for your willingness to complete this questionnaire!