

Congress Passes Free Trade Agreements

Congress passed failed trade agreements with Colombia, South Korea and Panama this week.

USW International President Leo Gerard summarized our union's position, saying, "Historically, these agreements have closed American manufacturing facilities and cost American jobs. It is foolish to think that this latest round will do something different."

While the outcome is disappointing, our continuing efforts helped create more intense debate and more votes in opposition. We are grateful to each and every Steelworker who acted in opposition. Through your letters, calls, trips to D.C. for lobby days in February and last week, as well as many more targeted efforts, you let lawmakers know that the United Steelworkers will never back down when it comes to a fight to protect our jobs!

Please take a minute to THANK those who voted RIGHT. Also, express your disappointment to those voting WRONG. The toll-free number for the Capitol switchboard is 866-311-1889.

Votes in the U.S. House of Representatives

Korea Free Trade Agreement (278 to 151)

All Democrats voted right (against the agreement) except for:

Ackerman, Becerra, Berman, Blumenauer, Boren, Carney, Castor (FL), Chandler, Clyburn, Connolly (VA), Cooper, Costa, Crowley, Cuellar, Davis (CA), Davis (IL), DeGette, Dicks, Eshoo, Gonzalez, Hanabusa, Himes, Hoyer, Inslee, Johnson (Eddie Bernice), Kind, Larsen (WA), Larson (CT), Levin, Lowey, Maloney, Matheson, Matsui, McCarthy (NY), McDermott, Meeks, Moran, Neal, Owens, Pelosi, Peterson, Polis, Price (NC), Quigley, Rangel, Richmond, Ross (AR), Rothman (NJ), Sanchez (Loretta), Schiff, Schrader, Schwartz, Scott (VA), Sewell, Smith (WA), Thompson (CA), Van Hollen, Walz (MN) and Wasserman Schultz

All Republicans voted wrong (for the agreement) except for:

Aderholt, Bishop (UT), Coble, Duncan (SC), Duncan (TN), Ellmers, Foxx, Gowdy, Griffith (VA), Hunter, Hurt, Jones, LaTourette, LoBiondo, McHenry, McKinley, Mulvaney, Myrick, Rohrabacher, Smith (NJ), Wilson (SC)

Colombia Free Trade Agreement (262 to 167)

All Democrats voted right (against the agreement) except for:

Ackerman, Berman, Boren, Cardoza, Castor (FL), Connolly (VA), Cooper, Costa, Crowley, Cuellar, Davis (CA), Dicks, Engel, Farr, Gonzalez, Himes, Hinojosa, Hoyer, Inslee, Kind, Larsen (WA), Matheson, Meeks, Moran, Polis, Price (NC), Ross (AR), Sires, Smith (WA), Van Hollen, Wasserman Schultz

All Republicans voted wrong (for the agreement) except for:

Bishop (UT), Duncan (TN), Jones, LaTourette, LoBiondo, McKinley, Smith (NJ), Stearns, Young (AK)

Panama Free Trade Agreement (300 to 129)

All Democrats voted right (against the agreement) except for:

Ackerman, Becerra, Berman, Bishop (GA), Blumenauer, Boren, Cardoza, Carney, Castor (FL), Clyburn, Connolly (VA), Cooper, Costa, Crowley, Cuellar, Davis (CA), DeGette, Dicks, Doggett, Engel, Eshoo, Farr, Fattah, Gonzalez, Himes, Hinojosa, Hoyer, Inslee, Johnson, E. B., Kind, Larsen (WA), Larson (CT), Levin, Lowey, Maloney, Matheson, Matsui, McDermott, Meeks, Moran, Neal, Olver, Owens, Pascrell, Pelosi, Peterson, Polis, Price (NC), Quigley, Rangel, Richmond, Ross (AR), Schiff, Schrader, Schwartz, Scott (David), Sewell, Sires, Smith (WA), Thompson (CA), Tsongas, Van Hollen, Wasserman Schultz, Watt, Waxman, Welch

All Republicans voted wrong (for the agreement) except for:

Bishop (UT), Jones, LaTourette, LoBiondo, McKinley, Smith (NJ)

The following did not vote in any of the House trade votes: Giffords, Slaughter, Wilson (FL) and Paul

Votes in the U.S. Senate

Korea Free Trade Agreement (83 to 15)

All Democrats, Republicans and Independents voted wrong (for the agreement) except for the following who voted RIGHT:

Blumenthal (D-CT), Brown (D-OH), Cardin (D-MD), Casey (D-PA), Hagan (D-NC), Harkin (D-IA), Leahy (D-VT), Manchin (D-WV), Merkley (D-OR), Reed (D-RI), Reid (D-NV), Rockefeller (D-WV), Snowe (R-ME), Tester (D-MT), Whitehouse (D-RI)

The following did not vote: Coburn (R-OK) and Sanders (I-VT)

Colombia Free Trade Agreement (66 to 33)

All Democrats, Republicans and Independents voted wrong (for the agreement) except for the following who voted RIGHT:

Akaka (D-HI), Begich (D-AK), Blumenthal (D-CT), Boxer (D-CA), Brown (D-OH), Cardin (D-MD), Casey (D-PA), Collins (R-ME), Coons (D-DE), Durbin (D-IL), Franken (D-MN), Gillibrand (D-NY), Hagan (D-NC), Harkin (D-IA), Klobuchar (D-MN), Kohl (D-WI), Lautenberg (D-NJ), Levin (D-MI), Manchin (D-WV), McCaskill (D-MO), Menendez (D-NJ), Merkley (D-OR), Mikulski (D-MD), Reed (D-RI), Reid (D-NV), Rockefeller (D-WV), Sanders (I-VT), Schumer (D-NY), Snowe (R-ME), Stabenow (D-MI), Tester (D-MT), Udall (D-NM), Whitehouse (D-RI)

The following did not vote: Coburn (R-OK)

Panama Free Trade Agreement (77 to 22)

All Democrats, Republicans and Independents voted wrong (for the agreement) except for the following who voted RIGHT:

Akaka (D-HI), Begich (D-AK), Blumenthal (D-CT), Boxer (D-CA), Brown (D-OH), Casey (D-PA), Franken (D-MN), Gillibrand (D-NY), Hagan (D-NC), Harkin (D-IA), Inouye (D-HI), Manchin (D-WV), Merkley (D-OR), Mikulski (D-MD), Reed (D-RI), Reid (D-NV), Rockefeller (D-WV), Sanders (I-VT), Stabenow (D-MI), Tester (D-MT), Udall (D-NM), Whitehouse (D-RI)

The following did not vote: Coburn (R-OK)