



2010: Trade Inaction Puts Jobs at Risk

The U.S. Chamber is working every day to create a level playing field for trade so that U.S. companies can export their goods and services and create good jobs for American workers.

The Facts

- Outside our borders are markets that today represent 73% of the world's purchasing power, 87% of its economic growth, and 95% of its consumers.
- Many Americans already make a living selling to markets abroad. More than 50 million Americans work for companies that export, according to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. One in five factory jobs depends on exports, and one in three acres on American farms is planted for hungry consumers overseas.
- However, many foreign countries still maintain steep tariffs and other barriers against U.S. exports, while the U.S. market is largely wide open. American workers and farmers deserve the opportunity to compete—and succeed—on a level playing field.

The Chamber's Plan to Double U.S. Exports in Five Years

- **Enact Pending Trade Agreements.** The accords with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea will open markets and spur the creation of American export job without adding to the deficit.
 - A [U.S. Chamber study](#) determined that failure to enact these trade agreements will cost more than 380,000 American jobs.
- **Clinch Additional Market-Opening Accords.** Properly negotiated, the Doha Round and the Trans-Pacific Partnership will level the playing field for American workers around the globe.
- **Modernize Export Controls.** Outdated limits on foreign technology sales cost U.S. businesses billions. Sensitive products with military applications must be protected, but when technologies are already widely available from America's trade competitors, controls make no sense.
 - A study by the Milken Institute found that modernizing U.S. export controls could boost America's GDP by \$64 billion and create 340,000 jobs.
- **Combat Economic Isolationism.**
 - Abroad, oppose measures that close markets, discriminate against U.S. companies, and bar U.S. firms from investing or bidding on procurements.
 - At home, reject "Buy American" rules and resolve trade disputes such as the one involving U.S.-Mexico cross-border trucking, which has cost thousands of U.S. jobs.
- **Help Small and Medium-Size Companies to Export.** More than 280,000 small U.S. businesses export, but that's just 1 in 100. They just need access to tools, advice, and know-how to be able to tap export markets.