

**Earthjustice * Food and Water Action * Friends of the Earth * Greenpeace
League of Conservation Voters * Natural Resources Defense Council * Oil Change International
Sierra Club * Sunrise Movement**

December 13, 2019

Dear Representative,

On behalf of our over 10 million members, **we strongly urge you to VOTE NO on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)**, also known as NAFTA 2.0, which fails to address the climate crisis and adequately protect our environment, when it comes to the House floor for a vote.

This final deal poses very real threats to our climate and communities and ignores nearly all of the [fundamental environmental fixes](#) consistently outlined by the [environmental community](#).

Environmental organizations have repeatedly called for [seven essential environmental changes](#) to the NAFTA 2.0 deal that Trump signed last year. Unfortunately, the final text fails on all seven counts. To get no movement on these critical issues leaves us no choice but to strongly oppose. The deal does not even mention climate change, fails to adequately address toxic pollution, includes weak environmental standards and an even weaker enforcement mechanism, supports fossil fuels, and allows oil and gas corporations to challenge climate and environmental protections. [See here and attached for a two-page analysis of the final deal](#), outlining these seven core environmental failures.

The environmental consequences of USMCA are very real. The deal would contribute to the climate crisis by helping corporate polluters [dodge our climate policies via outsourcing](#), leaving the controversial Investor-State Dispute Settlement system intact for the most polluting sectors in Mexico, and deepening North America's reliance on tar sands oil and fracked gas. It would perpetuate NAFTA's ugly track record of helping corporations [dump their toxic pollution in communities in Mexico](#) and evade our hard-fought protections for clean air and water.

Given that trade deals tend to last longer than any one administration, the impacts of USMCA will be felt for decades. By the same token, we expect the vote on this deal to be remembered for years, just like the original NAFTA.

We do not get many opportunities to renegotiate trade deals. At this pivotal moment, we cannot afford to lock ourselves into a multi-decade deal that ignores climate change and helps corporate polluters. Instead, as we negotiate and renegotiate trade deals, we need to meaningfully address the climate crisis and ensure we're leaving a safe, healthy planet for our communities and for generations to come. **Again, we strongly urge you to oppose USMCA when it comes to the House floor for a vote.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Earthjustice
Food and Water Action
Friends of the Earth
Greenpeace
League of Conservation Voters
Natural Resources Defense Council

Oil Change International
Sierra Club
Sunrise Movement