

U.S. Rep. Pocan: Trump's Trade Executive Orders: Mostly Talk, Little Action

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Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan (WI-02) released the following statement after President Trump signed two trade Executive Orders, one which establishes a study on trade deficits and one which reviews current enforcement mechanisms.

“During his campaign, Donald Trump talked about the disastrous impact of our trade agreements on American workers and promised immediate action to level the playing field. Today’s toothless Executive Orders are yet another example of President Trump being mostly talk and little action. Despite his rhetoric calling NAFTA the ‘worst trade deal ever’ and labeling our China trade policy a disaster, he hasn’t taken any meaningful action to address these problems. He broke his promise to declare China a currency manipulator on day one and has yet to address our trade deficit with China. He’s already reneged on his ‘Buy American’ promise to use American steel for major construction projects and has so far failed to start the process of renegotiating NAFTA. President Trump likes to talk about bringing jobs back to the United States, but so far he, has done nothing to help workers here at home. Unfortunately, this is just another broken promise to the American people who need real action.”