

U.S. Rep. Pocan: Statement on announcement of United States-Mexico-Canada agreement

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WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Representative Mark Pocan (WI-02) released the following statement today regarding the U.S. announcing a deal with Canada to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and enter into the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

“Despite President Trump claiming victory with a renegotiated NAFTA that includes Canada, it is clear that many missing details must be resolved before we can determine if this deal works for middle class families. We still don’t know whether the United States-Mexico-Canada agreement will have the robust enforcement mechanisms that are critical to supporting working families, stopping the outsourcing of American jobs, and protecting the environment.

“Though I am encouraged by some progress in the agreement, including steps forward on labor standards and a rollback of special investment protections for corporations, I remain concerned about harmful environmental provisions, the continued waiver of Buy American rules, and intellectual property rights that limit access to affordable medicines. Over the coming months, I will continue to work with advocates from the labor, environmental, and agricultural sectors to hold the Administration accountable to their promise of standing up for working families and making real changes to our failed trade policies.”