



THE NAFTA BRIEFING

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Are we going to compete and win or are we going to withdraw?
President Clinton (9/14/93)

The Democratic Leadership Council (DLC), committed to an America that is "going to compete and win," is working to help President Clinton enact the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The President needs the help of political leaders, elected officials, business and civic leaders and political activists across the nation to win. That is why starting next week you will receive a bi-weekly fax from the DLC providing information and news designed to help pass NAFTA.

Please share this information with others!!! The latest vote count shows that NAFTA can pass if we work hard. The most important thing you can do is call or write your member of Congress and get others to do likewise.

INFORMATION SOURCES UPDATE

PROGRESSIVE POLICY INSTITUTE (PPI) RELEASES NAFTA REPORTS – Passing NAFTA is crucial not only for improving America's economic future but also for the Democratic Party to "demonstrate its capacity to govern in the nation's interests rather than legislate on behalf of narrow interests, according to *The NAFTA and the National Interest: A Progressive Case for Trade Expansion*, authored by Paula Stern, former U.S. Trade Commission chairwoman and PPI Senior Fellow. PPI also has issued a two-page background paper – *Setting the Record Straight on NAFTA* – that authored by Economic Policy Analyst M. Jeff Hamond. (To order either paper or a full NAFTA kit call the DLC at (202) 546-0007 and ask for the NAFTA desk.)

USA*NAFTA – The coalition dedicated to generating grassroots support for NAFTA is a repository of useful information. USA*NAFTA can provide you an analysis of a state-by-state impact on the benefits of higher exports to Mexico. They also have sample letters and talking points. (For USA*NAFTA information call (202) 638-2958. To join a USA-NAFTA grass-roots effort in your state call Dave Katz 638-5616.)

FLASH FACTS – The Commerce Department is operating an automated service that will fax information regarding NAFTA directly to your fax machine. A touch-tone phone and a fax machine are all you need to obtain NAFTA fact sheets, NAFTA highlights, and the Administration's Daily NAFTA Facts. Flash Facts will fax you a menu of all available materials. (Flash Facts (202) 482-4464)

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