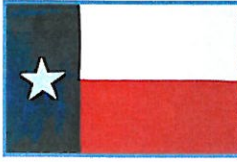


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Dear Texas Employer:

Our state of Texas is arguably the leading exporter, and also led the nation in 2007 in new jobs added to the payrolls. Exports Free markets and an open trade policy made an important contribution in this effort. NAFTA has been a key part of Texas' recipe for success and growth, particularly along the border and for our Port of Houston- the busiest international port in the United States and tenth-busiest in the world. We cannot afford to lose this tremendous success for our state.

Anti-business candidates blame NAFTA as the cause of fewer jobs; American Jobs have been exported before NAFTA, and will continue to be exported with or without NAFTA. Our real national problem is: Failure to open other trade markets to our American products.

Freezing NAFTA and other trade agreements, as some candidates are advocating, is the wrong prescription to encourage economic growth. A presidential scaring of the rich and corporations with more taxation, will not retain jobs but increase the relocation of companies overseas. Low taxes, less government regulation and increased free trade is the simple answer to increase jobs in America.

After analyzing the background and qualification of the candidates, their vote score, and considering our membership feedback through our election website www.imp-exp-texas.org, The Association of Importers & Exporters of Texas is proud to announce their unanimously and enthusiastically vote to endorse the following candidates:

John McCain (R) for President

John Cornyn (R) for U.S. Senate

Henry Cuellar (D) for U. S. Representative District 28

(No endorsement have been decided yet for U. S. Representative Districts 15, 16, 20, 23 and 27, and for State Senators and Representatives)

We believe that the above candidates commitment to issues that are important to small businesses, and will dramatically impact not only our members, but their employees as well.

Sincerely,



Emilio D. Santos
President