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# **Trade: By the Numbers**





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#### The Prize

To achieve middle-class prosperity, a growing, wealthier world must buy more Made in the USA products and use more Made in the USA services.

- <u>95</u>%: The amount of the world's consumers that live outside of the United States.
- <u>1.2 billion</u>: The population of the Asia-Pacific middle class by 2020, comprising half of the world's middle-class consumers.
- <u>3.2 billion</u>: The population of the Asia-Pacific middle class by 2030, which will account for two-thirds of the world's middle class.

- <u>\$10 trillion</u>: The size of Asian import markets by 2020.
- <u>793 million</u>: The total population of the Trans-Pacific Partnership region, or <u>11 percent of the world's</u> <u>population</u>.
- <u>\$28.1 trillion</u>: The combined GDP of all 12 TPP countries in 2013.

#### The Risk

We have to fight to get our rightful share of this market and to ensure the rules for commerce are fair for American companies.

- -<u>43</u>%: The declining U.S. share of 12 key Asia-Pacific export markets from 2000 to 2010, the steepest decline of any major Asia trading partner.
- <u>39th</u>: In a ranking of the 40 largest world economies, the United States is second to last in exports as a share of GDP.
- 16: The number of countries in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement, which China is currently negotiating to set the rules of commerce in Asia.
- <u>17</u>: The number of times the words "labor" or "worker" appeared in 1,849 pages across the 13 Chinese free-trade agreements reached since 2000.
- 0: The number of chapters devoted to labor protections in China's RCEP.
- <u>30</u>%: The average tariff rate of American vehicles in Malaysia, while motor vehicles from Japan, Turkey and elsewhere face no tariffs in the region.

## The Opportunity

Modern trade deals help America and Americans. A strong and progressive TPA bill, followed by a strong, modern TransPacific Partnership will allow American workers and businesses to compete and win.

- <u>\$30.2 billion</u>: How much the U.S. balance of trade in the blue collar goods sector improved on an average annual basis from the 17 U.S. trade deals reached since 2000.
- <u>\$600 billion</u>: The increase in U.S. exports in 2020 alone if the U.S. regains its historical share of key Asia-Pacific markets.
- <u>18</u>%: The wage that exports contribute to workers' earnings on average in the U.S. manufacturing sector.

