



## Trump tariff proposals have border lawmakers skeptical

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Now that Donald Trump is back from Mexico, many are considering what the Republican nominee's policies towards that country will mean. Trump has said many things about walls and immigration, but some folks are equally worried about his trade. Trump has proposed drastic taxes on Mexican goods.

"The bond between our two countries is deep and sincere," said Trump in a joint press conference with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto.

As Donald Trump works to mend a rocky relationship with President Enrique Pena Nieto in Mexico, his trade proposals are in the minds of some.

Trump has suggested a 35 percent tariff on certain goods imported from Mexico. He says the U.S. is engaging in bad trade, taking part in bad trade agreements, and that tariffs like this could play a role in "Making America Great Again". Not everyone sees it this way.

"It would have tectonic impacts in a negative way on our region," said Congressman Will Hurd (R-TX). "Texas...their number one trading partner is Mexico."

Hurd's district stretches for miles along the Mexican border. He says border towns need trade with Mexico, and a huge tariff would hurt these communities.

Hurd's opponent, Pete Gallego (D-TX), says the effect wouldn't just impact Texas, but consumers across the U.S. He says they'd have to buy things at a much higher price because of these proposed taxes.

"In the final analysis, it really does impact the commerce that we've historically had because you're trading less," said Gallego. "That puts less money in everybody's pocketbooks."

Dan Ikenson from the Cato Institute says it would be tough for Trump to impose such a policy.

"Yes the President can raise tariffs, but under very limited circumstances, and subject to the rule of law, and subject to judicial appeal," said Ikenson.

Ikenson is skeptical as to whether Trump will really follow through with his proposal.

