

Repeal NAFTA, CAFTA & Withdraw From WTO

WHEREAS Participation in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) has meant a race to the bottom for workers, family farmers and the environment, contributing to a \$600 + billion trade deficit and a loss of millions of US jobs; and

WHEREAS Free trade has encouraged companies in the U.S. to leave the country in search of low wages, low commodity prices, anti-union climates and lax environmental laws; and

WHEREAS Free trade has stocked our retail shelves with goods produced by foreign workers under harsh working conditions that would be illegal in this country; and

WHEREAS Free trade favors multinational corporations, not citizens or communities here or abroad; and

WHEREAS Free trade agreements are not fair and beneficial to U.S. agriculture and are a threat to our national food security; and

WHEREAS The December 2005 Hong Kong WTO negotiations on agricultural subsidies, domestic supports and market access and special treatment for developing nations failed to deliver a significant development package for poor countries; and

WHEREAS Expansion of the General Agreement on Trades in Services (GATS) leaves foreign water supplies, electrical services, healthcare and education unprotected from the greedy tactics of multinational corporations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED That we support measures to restore control of trade from multinational corporations to the jurisdiction of the U.S. government and for the benefit of U.S. citizens, by:

- * Immediately withdrawing from NAFTA, CAFTA and the WTO
- * Opposing unfair "free trade" agreements such as the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA)
- * Opposing expansion of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)
- * Demanding Congress implement fair trade agreements that protect U.S. workers and farmers, the environment and strengthen local economies as well as affording comparable standards to global workers by guaranteeing livable wages, safe working conditions, child labor laws and environmental protections

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