Resolution in Opposition to the Trans Pacific Partnership

WHEREAS passing the TPP would most assuredly increase our balance of trade deficit as past similar agreements have dramatically done;

WHEREAS passing the TPP would facilitate even more off-shoring of high-wage jobs;

WHEREAS the negotiations on this treaty are dominated by corporate interests (500 corporate lobbyists are at the table but Congress is not);

WHEREAS “these investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) tribunals are designed to overrule the national court systems”;

WHEREAS “ISDS tribunals introduce a mechanism by which multinational corporations can force governments to pay compensation if the tribunal states that a country's laws or policies affect the company's claimed future profits”;

WHEREAS TPP is not a Free Trade agreement but a binding International Governance System, which will cost tax payers International assessments; and

WHEREAS it is now the expressed intention of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker John Boehner to make Fast Track Authority to speed the passage of the Trans Pacific Partnership through Congress without amendment and with limited debate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party be encouraged to engage with groups that oppose the Trans Pacific Partnership for the purpose of building public opposition to the TPP and to granting Fast Track Authority; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution, upon its adoption, be sent to Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, Representative Suzan DelBene, Representative Rick Larsen, Representative Derek Kilmer, Representative Jim McDermott, Representative Adam Smith, and Representative Denny Heck;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of the Washington State Democrats be encouraged to contact members of their members of Congress to express strong reservations about the secret process and the negative consequences that would follow if the TPP were to become law.
Submitted by the 24th LD Democrats to the WSDCC. (Date Submitted 1/11/2015)

Submitted by the Labor Caucus to the WSDCC. (Date Submitted 1/24/2015)

The Resolutions Committee recommended that this resolution be “PASSED” at its January 23, 2015 meeting in Olympia.

The WSDCC “TABLED” this resolution at its January 23, 2015 meeting in Olympia

The Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended that it be “PASSED” at its April 18, 2015 meeting in Pasco.

The WSDCC “PASSED” this resolution at its April 18, 2015 meeting in Pasco.