

## Resolution Instructing Congress to Oppose the Trans-Pacific (TTP) Free Trade Agreement

**WHEREAS** NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), WTO (World Trade Organization), CAFTA (Central America Free Trade Agreement), and more recent NAFTA-style "free trade" schemes enacted by Congress have contributed to unemployment and de-industrialization in the U.S.;

**WHEREAS** those trade schemes lack prohibitions against exploitation of workers or the environment, and lack guarantees against human right abuses;

**WHEREAS** the AFL-CIO, on behalf of 60 unions representing approximately 13 million Americans claims that millions of U.S. jobs have been lost due to corporate-friendly free trade schemes like the proposed TTP; and

**WHEREAS** a solid majority of Americans oppose so-called "free trade" schemes;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we call on Congress to represent we the people, and to oppose the TTP and other corporate-friendly free trade schemes;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, if Members of Congress believe free trade schemes like the TTP are good for the people of our nation, let them bring their beliefs to the communities in which we live, and to the court of public opinion; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that, because of the importance of this topic, we call on Members of Congress who support the TTP and similar free trade schemes to facilitate pro and con debates in their Districts or States that are accessible to the public and where public advocates such as Global Trade Watch shall be guaranteed equal time to present arguments in opposition to the TTP and other NAFTA-style deals.

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