

1                                   **Disclose the Transatlantic Trade and**  
2                                   **Investment Partnership Document**

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4   **WHEREAS** international trade agreements have profound effects on the economic,  
5   social and political life of this country;

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7   **WHEREAS** participation in the negotiations of the proposed Transatlantic Trade and  
8   Investment Partnership (TTIP) Agreement has been limited to powerful corporate  
9   interests and commerce-focused bureaucrats that from the start aggressively excluded  
10   consumer, labor, environmental, and democracy advocates, human rights groups and  
11   many other stakeholders from the deliberations;

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13   **WHEREAS** our nation's experience with massive trade agreements, masquerading as  
14   treaties, has been enormous job loss, destruction of our industrial base, and a palpable  
15   undermining of our democracy;

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17   **WHEREAS** a recent survey of more than 1000 American adults showed that 46% have  
18   had very little information about the TTIP;

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20   **WHEREAS** only 15% of the American public support the proposed TTIP, and 18%  
21   opposed it;

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23   **WHEREAS** the TTIP has been negotiated largely in secret, according to the 240 pages of  
24   the agreement finally exposed in the Netherlands on May 2, 2016;

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26   **WHEREAS** the proposed agreement will allow companies to intervene in decision -  
27   making processes of other countries' governments, and even sue a country over  
28   regulations and laws;

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30   **WHEREAS** corporations would thereby have special legal rights that bypass establish  
31   court systems and fly in the face of national sovereignty, freeing companies from laws  
32   and regulations imposed on domestic businesses in that country; and

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34   **WHEREAS** a vigorous national debate over an agreement as consequential as the  
35   proposed TTIP is an appropriate and important exercise of democracy in the United  
36   States;

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38   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon  
39   Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, and Congressmen Denny Heck and  
40   Derek Kilmer to press the Obama administration for full disclosure on the proposed  
41   transatlantic trade and investment partnership; and  
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43 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Washington State Democratic Party  
44 urges the adoption of this resolution by the Washington State Democratic Convention  
45 as part of its 2016 Platform and Resolutions.  
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48 Submitted by the 28<sup>th</sup> LD Caucus.

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50 The Platform Committee recommended that this resolution be passed at their June 17,  
51 2016 meeting.

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53 The 2016 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 18,  
54 2016.  
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