

1 **Reject the Trans-Pacific Partnership for**
2 **Economic, Political and Humanitarian Reasons**

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4 **WHEREAS** the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), conceived of and negotiated
5 largely in secret from the American public and our elected representatives until very
6 recently;

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8 **WHEREAS** the TPP would enable major economic sectors of the American economy to
9 be weakened or destroyed by making it more attractive to invest in or move major
10 sections of industry to other countries, and will further promote the off-shoring of jobs
11 in call centers, computer programming, engineering, accounting, medical diagnostics
12 and more;

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14 **WHEREAS** the TPP would put American workers in competition with the lowest-paid
15 workers in the poorest nations in the entire world, further diminishing the American
16 workers standard of living below its current level;

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18 **WHEREAS** the TPP will have no expiration date and could only be altered by a
19 consensus of all signatories – locking in failed or extreme policies;

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21 **WHEREAS** the TPP would make possible resolution of conflicts in secret courts
22 dominated by corporations, without the protections of public exposure and with little
23 or no recognition of the public interest, as befits a democratic nation;

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25 **WHEREAS** foreign firms operating in any TPP signatory country would be given equal
26 access to the vast majority of U.S. federal procurement contracts; and

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28 **WHEREAS** the TPP would lock in high medicine prices and prevent access to generic
29 drugs, thereby damaging the financial ability of Doctors Without Borders and other
30 humanitarian agencies from providing health care in the poor and war-torn regions of
31 the world;

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33 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that, we, the Washington State Democrats, call upon
34 the entire Washington State Congressional delegation to vote against the Trans-Pacific
35 Partnership and any future proposed treaties of similar ilk.

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38 Submitted by the Pierce County Convention.

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40 The Platform Committee recommended that this resolution be passed at their June 17,
41 2016 meeting.

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43 The 2016 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 18,
44 2016.
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