

International 2018

INTERNATIONAL

TRADE

Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP)

Policy number:

2016-7-5

Convention:

2016

Preamble:

WHEREAS the TPP was negotiated in secret over a period of 8 years and seeks to codify corporate rights in a supposed trade deal, and

WHEREAS the Canadian government has signed its intent to adopt the TPP but parliament has not yet ratified it, and

WHEREAS the government of Canada has said that they will consult broadly with Canadians and parliamentarians prior to ratification.

Policy:

That the National Pensioners Federation urge its chapters across Canada to write letters outlining concerns to the Minister of International Trade; lobby local MP's on areas of concern; demand that the TPP agreement not be ratified as it has consequences for Canada's sovereignty and the national government's ability to pass laws in the best interest of its citizens.

Section:

Additional policies

End Harmful Trade Agreements

Policy number:

2016-7-1

Convention:

2016

Preamble:

WHEREAS the Canada-EU CETA and Trans Pacific Partnership currently contain the investor state dispute settlement mechanism that would allow foreign corporations to sue Canada.

Policy:

That the National Pensioners Federation demand that the Federal Government reject these deals that further entrench corporate privilege in favour of trade that is truly fair.

Section:

Additional policies

A Fair Trade Future Begins by Saying No to the TPP

Policy number:

2016-1-1

Convention:

2016

Preamble:

WHEREAS the current model of international trade and investment treaties affords extraordinary rights to private investors and multinational corporations, often undermining the democratic decision-making authority of citizens and governments, and WHEREAS Canada's involvement in such treaties have had a negative effect on our nation's trade and economic performance, and have also lead to Canada being the most sued developed country by private investors under dispute settlement tribunals, and

WHEREAS the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership, negotiated by the former Harper government and signed by Canada and 11 other nations in February 2016, is the latest and largest of

neo-liberal trade and investment treaties, that will re-write the rules on trade under NAFTA, reform intellectual property laws and digital policy, and undermine our ability to regulate in the public interest, among other concerns, and

WHEREAS studies show the economic impact of the TPP on Canada will be negative, or at best negligible – further eroding Canada's overall trade performance; and the proposed terms of the TPP will have an effect on Unifor members across a range of economic sectors, including auto, dairy processing, air transport, telecommunications, media and others; and

WHEREAS Federal Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland has stated publicly that she will consult with Canadians on the TPP before putting the deal to a ratification vote in the House of Commons (no later than February 2018) and that the deal, as it stands, is non-negotiable.

Policy:

That National Pensioners Federation undertake a national campaign on the TPP, with the goal of influencing Members of Parliament not to ratify the deal as proposed and to promote an alternative vision for a fair trade agenda in Canada, and that through this campaign NPF will engage with activists, local leadership and interested members across the country, encouraging them to play a leading role in this campaign at the community level, and that NPF will work in close collaboration with both traditional and non-traditional allies, both nationally and internationally, to stop the ratification of TPP.

Section:

Additional policies

Stop Tax Exemptions for Cross Border Shoppers

Convention:

2013

Policy:

That the NPF oppose the increased tax exemptions for cross-border shoppers and send a letter to the federal Minister of Finance advising that at this time of store closings, layoffs, and stores moving to the United States, that his increase is totally irresponsible

and will lead to further unemployment in Canada.

Number:

24

Section:

Transportation

Sensitivity Training for Port Security Officers

Policy:

That sensitivity training be compulsory for all people dealing with the public in our nation's ports.

Number:

20

Section:

Transportation

Canada's Peacekeeping Tradition

Convention:

2012

Policy:

That the NPF urge the Canadian government to return to focusing on being a nation of "peacekeepers"; withdraw from the War on Terrorism; and rebuild Canada's global respect.

Number:

10

Section:

Transportation

Trade Deals With Japan

Convention:

2012

Policy:

That the NPF call on our government to put Canadian jobs first in any trade deal(s) with Japan.

Number:

2

Section:

Transportation

GENERAL

Weapons to Colombia

Convention:

2013

Policy:

That the NPF request the federal government to stop the export of weapons to

Colombia.
Number:
15
Section:
Transportation

2017

2016

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