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Save the Date! February 21st

**Citizen Trade Policy Commission Public Hearing
South Portland Community Center, 6-9 pm**

The Citizen Trade Policy Commission (CTPC) of the Maine Legislature will be hearing public testimony on the impact of free trade agreements and we need YOU to be there!

Not only do citizens need to speak to all the different ways free trade agreements impact our state, our country, the world, and our democracy and environment, but we also want as many people to be there to support those who are speaking out. **Can you come and testify or support those who do?**

What is the commission??

The CTPC was established by the Maine Legislature in 2004 and consists of State Senators and Representatives, public citizens who represent a variety of interests, and representatives of various State departments. The Commission was established to provide an ongoing state-level mechanism to appropriately assess the impact of international trade policies and agreements on Maine's state and local laws, business environment and working conditions. [Read more on the commission website here.](#)

CTPC will be holding their next hearing on **February 21st at 6 pm in South Portland**. Maine's Congressional Delegation has been invited to attend, and so far Rep. Mike Michaud will be there to hear the testimony. Specifically, the commissioners would like to hear about the Colombia Free Trade Agreement and the impact that FTAs like NAFTA have had on our state. They will then decide if they will take a position on the Colombia FTA.

If you can come and would like to testify, contact Sarah or Daphne at 777-6387 or at sarah@mainefairtrade.org

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in South Portland to **tell the commission to oppose the Colombia FTA** and to ensure they continue to speak up against this failed trade model!

For information on the Colombia Free Trade Agreement, which could come up for a vote before the U.S. Congress anytime, [read more here.](#)

The South Portland Community Center is located at 21 Nelson Street in South Portland.

Hope to see you there!

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