

Testimony for Maine Citizen Trade Policy Commission  
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Good Evening Commissioners,

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Core Message:

1. CAFTA should be rejected
2. Trade deals lacking adequate provisions for labor, environment and public health should be rejected.
3. Trade deals which undermine democratic institutions via secret dispute resolution tribunals or other mechanisms should be rejected.
4. The Maine Citizen Trade Policy Commission should consider adopting benchmark criteria for what constitutes a good trade agreement.

Attachments:

Yardstick for Assessing Trade Agreements

Competing Visions for the Hemisphere

The Fair Trade for Our Future Resolution

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