

1 RESOLUTION OPPOSING TPP

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3 WHEREAS: On February 4th, 2016, the Obama Administration
4 signed the Transpacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement in Auckland,
5 New Zealand, following secret negotiations that included nearly 600
6 multinational global corporate interests giving them disproportionate
7 influence but excluded public stakeholders;

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9 WHEREAS: Only 6 of the 30 chapters in the 6,000 page agreement
10 concern trade, and 24 concern financial regulations, prescription drug
11 pricing, food sanitation standards and environmental issues, this text
12 of the TPP has caused municipalities nationwide to pass resolutions
13 opposing the policies contained therein that will have a horrific impact
14 on employment, the environment and U.S. sovereignty;

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16 WHEREAS: Past U.S. trade deals have incorporated rules that skew
17 benefits to economic and political elites while requiring working
18 families to suffer loss of employment such as the drop of 5 million
19 jobs in manufacturing from 2000 to 2015 that has devastated entire
20 communities;

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22 WHEREAS: The offshoring of manufacturing and service jobs
23 deprives local and state governments of sorely needed revenues,
24 jeopardizing the livelihoods of millions of public servants as well as
25 construction workers whose jobs depend upon infrastructure building,
26 repair and maintenance;

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28 WHEREAS: The TPP, as legally binding, sets up barriers to
29 addressing urgent climate and sustainability concerns such that
30 increased global warming and extreme weather impacting Jefferson
31 County and the State of Washington will lead to increased costs for
32 basic resources needed for survival;

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34 WHEREAS: The TPP includes a "docking" agreement whereby any
35 country may agree to all provisions and join the TPP thus increasing
36 the negative impact, environmentally and economically, of all TPP
37 provisions;

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39 WHEREAS: TPP rules for dispute settlement create corporate-
40 friendly tribunals, unaccountable to our Constitution, Supreme Court
41 or our legal traditions, that have the power to levy fines in the millions
42 and billions of dollars against our governments if our laws and
43 regulations to protect the public interest, worker safety and the
44 environment interfere with their hypothetical future profits;

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46 WHEREAS the Washington State Democratic platform opposes TPP;

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48 WHEREAS President Barack Obama issued an official notification
49 this August 2016 that he plans to submit the Trans-Pacific
50 Partnership for a vote in the lame-duck session of Congress this fall;

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52 BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the Jefferson County Democrats, call
53 upon our federal elected officials – Senator Patty Murray, Senator
54 Maria Cantwell and Congressional Representative Derek Kilmer-- to
55 oppose and to vote no on the TPP,

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57 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we, the Jefferson County
58 Democrats, direct our Chair or designee to transmit copies of this
59 Resolution to the named elected officials, post this resolution onto our
60 website and Facebook page, transmit it to our local newspapers, and
61 further disseminate it throughout the community including a “No TPP”
62 symbol at the headquarters.

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64 Submitted by Linda Sutton of precinct 104 & Linda Brewster of
65 precinct 304 to the Jefferson County Democrats on September 5,
66 2016

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68 Submitter Linda Sutton _____

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71 Submitter Linda Brewster _____

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73 Passed by the membership on September 27, 2016.

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76 JCD Chair Bruce Cowan _____