

Resolution in Opposition to Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)

WHEREAS the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a massive, controversial, pro-corporate “free trade” agreement amongst the United States and 11 other countries; and

WHEREAS in early November, 2015 after seven years of closed door negotiations the final TPP text was released and reveals that the pact replicates many of the most controversial terms of past pacts that promote job offshoring and push down U.S. Wages; and

WHEREAS if passed, the TPP would make it easier for big corporations to ship our jobs overseas, pushing down our wages and increasing income inequality, flood our country with unsafe imported food, jack-up the cost of medicine by giving big pharmaceutical corporations new monopoly rights to keep lower cost generic drugs off the market; and

WHEREAS in addition the TPP would empower corporations to attack our environmental, health, worker safety and consumer safeguards, ban Buy American policies needed to create green jobs, roll back Wall Street reforms, introduce threats to Internet freedom and undermine human rights by suing in offshore tribunals, bypassing our own Court system

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee that the Committee does hereby call upon our legislators in Congress to oppose the TPP and vote against it and encourages all citizens to contact their legislators to this effect.