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To the Senate Select Committee on the USFTA, Parliament House, Canberra.

I am writing to register my strong disapproval of the American and Australian Free trade Agreement. I believe that there are far too many detrimental effects for Australia and Australians that have not been seriously considered at all by those involved. I do not believe that there can be any possible positive outcomes for local agriculture, health, education and certainly not for our media. The media especially risks being flooded with even more culturally insensitive US content, and further weakening Australian locally produced content. I have been a food worker for four years and am a musician and believe that both these industries will suffer immensely from FTA outcomes. The current government should be working to strengthen these industries locally and reduce inferior imports of food/genetic modification technology products especially.

Under this current government we have seen the illegal invasion of a foreign country against the wishes of the masses and do not need to see another agreement made without attention paid to polls or protests.

Please take these factors into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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