

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have reason to worry about the FTA. The principles of the agreement focus entirely on the rights of manufacturers of innovative pharmaceutical products, neglecting the rights of consumers to gain access to affordable drugs.

I have high blood pressure and require three different tablets everyday for that problem. I would not be able to afford higher priced drugs because I am on a very low income.

The agreement leaves out the key principle that trade agreements should be interpreted and implemented to protect public health and promote universal access to medicines. And the crucial role of generic manufacturers in protecting public health is not mentioned in the FTA.

The FTA seems to only benefit the rich and multinational corporations. Australian should not be part of it.

Yours sincerely

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"Live gently with the land. We are one with the land. We are part of everything in our world, part of the roundness and cycles of life. The world does not belong to us. We belong to the world. And all life is sacred. Pray to the earth. Restore your self and voice. Remake your spirit, so that it is in harmony with the rest of nature and the universe. Keep peace with all your sisters and brothers. Humans whose minds are healthy and desire such peace and justice." -- Linda Hogan