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The Senate Select Committee on the United State Free Trade Agreement Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

To whom it may concern

As Australian citizens and primary producers we are totally against and strongly protest the signing of the 'United States free trade agreement' (USFTA) for the following reasons:

- 1. There will be restrictions on Australian content rules in new media
- 2. It will inevitably result in higher cost for medicines
- 3. Extension of copyright means higher costs for libraries and education bodies
- 4. The US will have to much influence on our quarantine and labelling
- 5. There will be fewer rights to review foreign investments
- 6. There will be fewer rights to review essential services
- 7. Water services will be at risk
- 8. Job losses will result from tariff cuts and changes to government purchasing rules
- 9. The economic benefits are unclear and questionable Our independence and democratic rights will be at risk from the dominant, more powerful US government.

Yours sincerely,

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