

To: Senate Select Committee on USFTA

I am writing as a concerned citizen to voice my unequivocal opposition to the USFTA. I believe the agreement is against Australia's national interest and does not reflect a genuine desire to promote a socially just, responsibly prosperous, and ecologically sustainable world community.

In particular, I am eager to stop this bad deal that threatens to further erode Australian culture and society in the following ways:

1. Economic benefits are unclear
2. USFTA dispute process limits democracy
3. Higher costs for medicines
4. Extension of copyright means higher costs for libraries and education bodies
5. Less rights to review foreign investment
6. Less rights to regulate essential services (e.g. health, education, water, postal, energy, environmental services)
7. US influence on quarantine, food labelling
8. Restrictions on Australian content rules in new media
9. Restrictions on Regulation of Investment and Services
10. Job losses from tariff cuts and changes to government purchasing rules

I vigorously oppose the USFTA and trust that the Senate Committee will make the best decision for Australia's future.

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