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ALERT!

NAFTA VOTE WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 17TH!

Now is the time to act! The North American Free Trade Agreement will be voted on in the House of Representatives on November 17th and we need to let our Representatives know exactly how we feel about it.

At this time Amory Houghton is in support of NAFTA, Maurice Hinchey is opposed to NAFTA, and Jim Walsh is opposed but needs pressure to remain opposed to NAFTA.

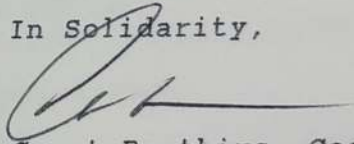
If you represent members in Houghton (Schuyler County) or Walsh's (Cortland County) districts please send them a short, but to the point, letter to let them know that we are watching their vote on this issue. The letter need not explain why you opposed NAFTA, but simply that you do oppose it and your members oppose it.

Also, if you can, let Maurice Hinchey know that we appreciate his stance against NAFTA.

If possible send or fax copies of the letters to The Labor Coalition so that we can keep track of this.

Attached you will find a list of adresses and phone numbers for the above mentioned Representatives.

In Solidarity,


Coert Bonthius, Coordinator

BOCES Employees Association
BOCES Teachers Association
Bricklayers Local 17
Carpenters Local 603
Civil Service Employees Association Local 561
Civil Service Employees Association Local 605
Civil Service Employees Association Local 849
Civil Service Employees Association Local 855
Cornell Security Employees Union
Cortland United Teachers
Electrical Workers Local 43
Electrical Workers Local 79
Electrical Workers Local 241
Electrical Workers Local 961
Fire Fighters Local 1737
Fire Fighters Local 2737
Ithaca Paraprofessionals Association
Ithaca School District Employees Association
Ithaca Teachers Association
Laborers Local 589
Machinists Local 1607
Machinists Local 1608
Musicians Local 132
National Writers Union
Operating Engineers Local 71 & 71A
Operating Engineers Local 545
Painters Local 178
Plumbers Local 267
Postal Workers Local 1151
Public Employees Federation Local 251
Service Employees Local 200A
Sheetmetal Workers Local 112
TCCC Faculty Association
Teamsters Local 65
United Auto Workers Local 802
United Auto Workers Local 1326
United Auto Workers Local 1774
United Auto Workers Local 2300
United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1
United Steel Workers of America Local 12460
United University Professions



LEGISLATORS LIST

Rep. Maurice Hinchey
US Representative
Carriage House
Terrace Hill
Ithaca, NY 14850
273-1388

or

1313 Longworth House Office
Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-6335

Rep. Amory Houghton
US Representative
1110 Longworth House Office
Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-3161

or

32 Dennison Parkway West
Corning, NY 14830
1-800-562-7431

Rep. Jim Walsh
US Representative
1330 Longworth House Office
Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-3701^R

or

PO Box 7306
Syracuse, NY 13261
(315) 423-5657

ANTI-NAFTA PHONERS RAP SHEET

"Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from
The Labor Coalition and _____ (your union's name).

We are asking union members in the Cortland area to take a few minutes and make a call to Representative Jim Walsh to urge him to vote no on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The vote in the House will be held on November 17th.

Walsh has made several statements against NAFTA, but the vote is very close in Congress and we need to make certain that he remains committed against it. Some have expressed concern that Walsh may waiver at the last minute, afterall, he initially supported the treaty.

Do you think you could call him sometime this week?"

*If yes, provide them with the necessary phone numbers.
Encourage them to call the Syracuse Office.

*If no, try to encourage them one more time!

Here are some tips for encouraging them.

*NCC in Cortland is probably moving to Mexico and the owners have said they will definitely move if NAFTA goes through.

*It will only take a minute of time, because you do not have to explain your opposition to anyone at Walsh's office. All you have to do is plainly state, "Please tell Rep. Walsh to vote against the NAFTA."

*We only need a handful of calls to really make an impression on his office and perhaps keep him from supporting this treaty. With the vote being so close in Congress your call could really make a difference.

*Tell them you know it is scary to call and everyone is afraid their going to have to justify their position by explaining something they are not completely familiar with, but they will feel really good after they do it.

If people are willing to write as well, great!!, but don't push it. Right now, we mostly want the phone calls to go in.

Rep. Jim Walsh
US Representative
PO Box 7306
Syracuse, NY 13261
(315) 423-5657

1330 Longworth House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515
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OTHER TIPS

1. Start out by asking people if they have a few minutes to talk with you or if you should call back in few minutes.
2. Remember to give them the phone numbers!! Otherwise their committment to call could be short circuited by the fact that they don't have the numbers.

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