



Hey London!

Thinking about CATERPILLAR? If NAFTA had not been created, this corporation would never have been able to drop its workers the way it did. Do we want a continuous flow of CATERPILLAR situations in spreading sectors in London including universities, hospitals, and schools? Say *no* to a much uglier, more comprehensive version of NAFTA called CETA. If the rights of workers and their families' futures matter to you, then you will want to speak up about CETA.

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Remember EPCOR nearly buying London Hydro? If this had happened post-CETA, it would not have been possible to stop. CETA enables all sorts of corporations to buy our energy and our water utilities. If we allow CETA to pass, we won't be able to stop the purchase of London Hydro to the highest bidder. Further, water sales within the whole Great Lakes region will likely go to a French corporation like Veolia or Suez who have bought up enormous depths of public water around the world. Or it could go to an American corporation, as anything offered in CETA, must be extended to the NAFTA partners. If the sale of water from the Great Lakes matters to you, then speak up about CETA.

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Care about the quality of our Canada Post mail service, our garbage collection, our Victoria Hospital, our school boards, Fanshawe College and Western? All of these and more are at risk from partial to full sale to corporations overseas. When major foreign corporations buy our services like the London Transit Commission, we won't have any say over hours of service, types of service or rate of fees. If public service matters to you, then speak up about CETA.

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Care about our city jobs? If we allow CETA to pass the way it is, there will be more downsizing of city jobs. The Stephen Harper government will tell us that more jobs are created but has that been your experience of free trade over the past few decades since NAFTA was signed in 1993? With CETA, expect much more part-timing and more cuts to benefits in fields as diverse as the auto industry to health care. Renowned Canadian economist, Jim Stanford's research estimates a loss of 28 000 to 150 000 Canadian jobs from CETA. There will be some temporary jobs created in raw resource extraction and agribusiness but they will not impact many people in Ontario. Besides, is that the type of industry that is sustainable for the long term? If your job and the jobs of people you love matter to you, then speak up about CETA.

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Care about our local farmer's markets? If we allow CETA to pass, more local farms will go under. Conditions for family farms will get worse. It will become illegal for farmers to save their seeds and they will be forced to buy them from major corporations like Monsanto. Further, hormones in beef and dairy will proliferate. If the health of farmers and the food system matters to you, then speak up about CETA.



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Do you like to buy local? Do you remember before NAFTA when London had many thriving independent businesses such as multiple shoe manufacturers? Would you rather spend your money in Wortley Village or one of London's few last-standing, downtown businesses such as Kingsmill's? If we allow CETA to pass, local contracts in many areas from goods to construction will be put at risk. The global free trade movement is the opposite of investing in the local economy. Foreign mega corporations will be allowed to sue our provincial and municipal governments for supporting local economic initiatives if it decreases their expected profits. The Canadian federal government has already handed over one hundred and fifty-seven million to American corporations when they sued us for slowing their profits under the rules of NAFTA's corporate protection called *Investor State*. If you care about buying local, then speak up about CETA.

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Do you feel that there is a disproportionate amount of corporate media messaging in this city? CETA does not protect public broadcasting. If we allow CETA to pass, we can expect less Canadian content and less funding directed to our local stations. Further, the CBC will be at risk of being sold outright never to be returned to Canadian hands again. This is what unrestricted free trade does. It prevents newly elected governments from making new decisions for decades. Trade law is binding across countries and networks of transnational corporations. If Canadian media channels from TV to radio to magazines matter to you, then you will want to help protect us and future generations from CETA.

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Do you want to protect our natural areas like the the Sifton Bog, Meadowlily Woods and others? If we allow CETA to pass, foreign corporations will have much more influence in zoning laws and be able to do with our green spaces as they wish. Our city bylaws will not protect our environmentally sensitive areas from development nor create a situation where we could extend upon what already is protected for future generations. If land, water and species matters to you, then so does CETA.

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Do you think that youth have a right to corporate-free education? Kids have enough pressure from internet, videos, and tv already. In British Columbia, school boards have passed resolutions to exempt them from CETA. CETA does not protect the MUSH sector – Municipalities, Universities, Schools and Hospitals. If we allow CETA to pass, then our public education is at risk of purchase in part or whole from corporations. In the United States, they have some corporate scripted classes and mandatory commercials in schools because their schools are no longer publically funded. If you do not want London's children influenced by corporate branding or consumerist views at school, then CETA matters to you. If you believe our government should invest more in the public education of our children, then trade justice matters to you. Contribute to the protection of our traditional Canada by speaking up against CETA. Our city and country are not investor states!

For more information: www.canadians.org and www.stopceta.ca

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