

1 **Resolution in Opposition to the Trans Pacific Partnership**

2 WHEREAS passing the TPP would most assuredly increase our balance of trade deficit as past similar
3 agreements have dramatically done; and

4 WHEREAS passing the TPP would facilitate even more off-shoring of high-wage jobs; and

5 WHEREAS the negotiations on this treaty were dominated by corporate interests and the voices of civil
6 society were pushed aside; and

7 WHEREAS investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) tribunals pay no attention to our legal traditions or
8 Constitutional protections, and their decisions can force Congress to reverse policies enacted in the
9 public interest; and

10 WHEREAS the ISDS system can be used by private investors to compel governments to
11 compensate them for lost future profits; and

12 WHEREAS TPP goes well beyond simple trade provisions, establishing a global governance system
13 which puts investor interests above public interests; and

14 WHEREAS past trade deals similar in design to TPP have given investors greater power and influence
15 while offering civil society only lip service in response to legitimate concerns about labor rights,
16 environmental protections, public health, human trafficking, food security, internet freedom, and prudent
17 financial regulation, among other global issues; and

18 WHEREAS income inequality and climate change are the two defining problems of our time, and TPP
19 would stand as an obstacle to policies designed to address these global problems; and

20 WHEREAS Washington State Democratic Party members have written resolutions against TPP,
21 petitioned their legislators, and met with them repeatedly over the last four years to no avail, and it
22 appears the elected officials have completely ignored the "base",

23 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party be encouraged to engage
24 with groups, (including their own party members,) that oppose the Trans Pacific Partnership for the
25 purpose of building public opposition to the TPP; and

26 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, upon its adoption, be sent to Senator
27 Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, Representative Suzan DelBene, Representative Rick Larsen,
28 Representative Derek Kilmer, Representative Jim McDermott, Representative Adam Smith, and
29 Representative Denny Heck; and

30 THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all members of the Washington State Democrats be
31 encouraged to contact their members of Congress to express strong reservations about the flawed process
32 used to produce TPP and the negative consequences that would follow if the TPP were to become law. And
33 that the Washington State Democrats make this position publicly known through press releases.

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37 Adopted by Whatcom County Democrats at their July 21, 2016, monthly meeting of the
38 membership