



## Washington Fair Trade Coalition

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*Working on behalf of people and the planet for a fair global trading system*

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**The Washington Fair Trade Coalition calls on Rep. Mc Dermott to Support the TRADE ACT!!**

**What:** Voters in Congressman Jim McDermott's district will deliver postcards collected during the People's Summit and call on him to endorse the TRADE Act.

**When:** Monday November 30<sup>th</sup> 1:15pm Westlake Center, 1:30 pm Rep. McDermott's Seattle Office

**Where:** Meeting at Westlake Center and proceed to Congressman McDermott's office, 1809 7th Avenue, Suite 1212 Seattle, WA 98101

### *Visuals*

**Seattle, WA** Ten years ago to the day, thousands of people shut down the WTO and its brand of de-regulated trade that prioritizes corporate gains over community development, the environment or human rights. Rep. McDermott welcomed the WTO to Seattle, because '...it put us in the middle of the trade issue.' Indeed Seattle was put on the international map because of this epic uprising of people; workers, farmers, environmental, faith, and social justice activists and their call to respect workers rights, human rights and the environment in trade agreements.

Throughout the last decade, the majority of Americans feel that US trade policy has made them worse off rather than better. Confidence in free trade is undermined by years of huge trade deficits and the recent banking and economic crises.

Again, on November 30<sup>th</sup>, the WTO is holding a closed door meeting in Geneva to revive its stalled agenda of financial de-regulation and trade domination. From November 27-30<sup>th</sup> 2009, people again are coming to Seattle this time for the People's Summit to work together to move global justice forward.

This time people will come to Westlake Center to draw attention to the need for climate justice, food sovereignty and trade that benefits people and communities. We are then marching to McDermott's office to call on him to support the first positive piece of legislation that has been put before Congress since the ill-fated NAFTA agreement, which has cost hundreds of thousands of jobs throughout North America and resulted in unprecedented environmental degradation and worker migration, destabilizing communities throughout the region. The Trade Reform Accountability Development and Employment Act (TRADE Act HR 3012), supported by over 130 members of Congress, puts workers and the environment back into the heart of trade policy.

Which side of history will Rep Jim McDermott be on this time? The Washington Fair Trade Coalition and the People's Summit call on Rep. Mc Dermott to be a leader on trade and co-sponsor the TRADE Act.

Come join the Washington Fair Trade Coalition and members of the People's Summit in a march from Westlake to Rep McDermott's Downtown Office to deliver a simple message. Put Seattle back in the center of trade and **Support the TRADE Act!**

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