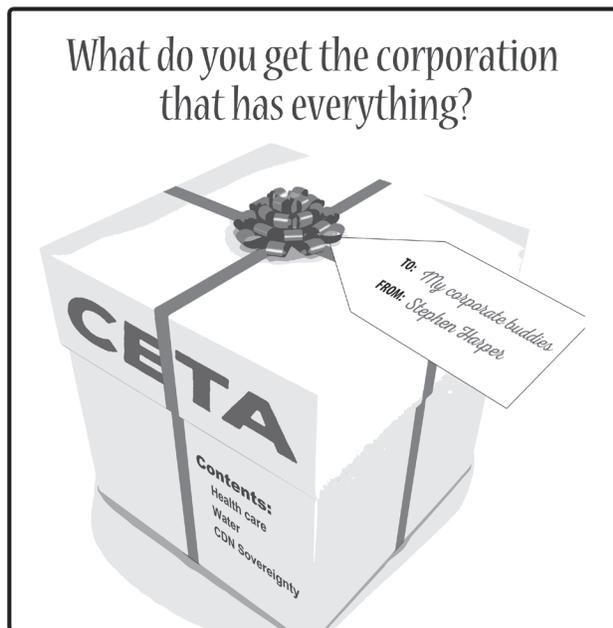


Transatlantic Days of Action Against CETA

Join the Days of Action marking CETA's "Give and Take"
September 25-26, 2015

Trade promoters say that there are always some winners and some losers in "free" trade agreements. But the more you learn about the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA), the fewer benefits you see for Canadian families and communities. Instead, we will be "giving" while corporations are "taking."



Citizens in Europe are seeing the same things and that's why **2.4 million Europeans** have said no to CETA. In Canada, more than **50 Canadian municipalities** have said no to CETA.

Who gives?: Canadian families, workers, communities and the environment

Who takes?: International corporations

Where is the balance?

What can you do?

- Write a letter to the editor.
- Ask your local federal candidates questions and attend debates.
- Ask your city council to keep up the fight against CETA.
- On October 19, vote in the federal election.
- Join one of these events or plan your own.

This is a Transatlantic day of action in solidarity with actions happening in Europe and Canada. It is being held in conjunction with "We can do better," a pan-Canadian day of action to get out the vote.

In September 2014 Prime Minister Stephen Harper signed CETA. The Harper government says that CETA – along with the other 40 trade agreements the government has been negotiating – is central to Canada’s economic future. But the details of these agreements remain secret right up until they are signed. And the deals only partly address the trade in goods. Increasingly, trade deals are drastic experiments that create new rules that bypass local democracies. They allow back-door policies that affect our health care, education, financial and cultural institutions and even our democratic decision making for years to come.

CETA gives:

- International competitors the right to bid on mid to large projects in cities, First Nation communities and provinces.
- Corporations new markets as public services are opened up to privatization.
- Pharmaceutical companies longer patents so people will have to pay more money for drugs.
- Foreign corporations the right to sue countries when government regulations interfere with their profit margins.
- Energy corporations weaker regulations that will send more tar sands crude to European markets.

CETA takes:

- Power away from cities to create local economic development programs.
- Effective protection or exclusions away for environmental regulations or public health concerns.
- The ability for small farms to sustainably provide local food by removing supply management rules.
- Away our power to create alternative energy and environmental policies.

While Stephen Harper claims CETA is a done deal, it isn’t. More than 2 million Europeans have signed a petition against CETA. The EU parliament and some national governments have expressed serious concerns about the deal and some are suggesting it will not be ratified.

On September 25 and 26, join Council of Canadian chapters from across the country for the days of action against CETA.



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