

Sample Resolution

Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement

(Your union organization) Will:

- Demand that the Government of Saskatchewan conduct a sector by sector analysis including all participants in the Saskatchewan economy of the impact of TILMA and/or other similar trade agreements and conduct the analysis in an open and transparent manner.
- Demand that the Government of Saskatchewan publicize the results of the analysis and allow public consultations on the results.
- Actively participate in these consultations by exposing the truth about the impact of TILMA on all participants in the Saskatchewan economy including labour, unions and public services and encourage all (your union organization) locals to do likewise.
- Demand that the government not enter into any agreement, including TILMA which threatens the government's legitimate right to govern the people for the common good.

We Want this Because:

- The governments of Alta. and B.C. are signatory to an agreement which comes into effect April 1, 2007, called the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility agreement (TILMA) and Saskatchewan is being pressured to sign this free trade pact
- When TILMA was signed between Alta. and B.C., it was done in secret with no analysis, debate or public consultation.
- TILMA could force harmonization of regulations in a downward direction, since any regulation that is more restrictive in one province than the other could be challenged as a restriction on trade, investment or labour mobility.
- TILMA will widely impact government and their public sector employees, including those working at crown corporations, municipalities, school boards and publicly funded academic, health and social services entities.
- TILMA is a step towards deep integration with the United States through policy harmonization and investor rights which are being driven by powerful corporate lobby groups such as the Canadian Council of Chief Executives.
- TILMA is designed to give power to the corporate sector by taking it away from the public.