

A CALL TO SUSPEND THE SECURITY AND PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP OF NORTH AMERICA (SPP) ON CONTINENTAL INTEGRATION

PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

We, the Undersigned Citizens of Canada, draw attention to the House of the following:

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP), further advances NAFTA’s goal of continental economic integration by pushing Canada towards establishing common policies with the United States and Mexico in key areas such as security, energy, and food and health standards, while shrinking the range of choices open to Canadian policy makers;

WHEREAS, the SPP encompasses over 300 wide-ranging initiatives, many of which reduce protection in areas such as pesticide use, food safety, air safety, and the environment to the lowest common denominator, as well as securing even greater U.S. control over Canadian resources and national standards, including energy and water;

WHEREAS, the SPP also seeks to incrementally merge our security policies and practices with those of the United States, and include measures such as a common security perimeter, with fully yielded control to the Bush administration over defence, intelligence, immigration, and refugee policies, including sharing a vast amount of personal information with the US government;

WHEREAS, under the SPP, Canada will possess less and less ability to adopt autonomous and sustainable economic, social, cultural, and environmental policies, including public programs like universal healthcare and public education;

WHEREAS, the SPP has been proceeding away from public scrutiny, with no democratic mandate from the Canadian, American, and Mexican people;

WHEREAS, the Parliament of Canada has not been allowed to review, debate, or vote on a process that will fundamentally alter the fabric of our society and challenge our existence as a sovereign nation;

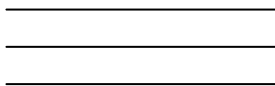
THEREFORE, your petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to stop further implementation of the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP) with the United States and Mexico until there is a democratic mandate from the people of Canada, Parliamentary oversight, and consideration of its profound consequences on Canada’s existence as a sovereign nation and its ability to adopt autonomous and sustainable economic, social, and environmental policies, and urge the Government of Canada to conduct a transparent and accountable public debate of the SPP process, involving meaningful public consultations with civil society and a full legislative review, including the work, recommendations, and reports of all SPP working groups, and a full debate and a vote in Parliament.

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