

Resolution on Trade

WHEREAS, U.S. trade policy has failed to prevent an exodus of jobs out of the U.S., weakened our nation's manufacturing base and facilitated a "race to the bottom" in which low wages become a major business goal;

WHEREAS, polls have shown that Americans now believe that treaties like NAFTA do not result in net creation of jobs in the U.S.;

WHEREAS, a bipartisan core of lawmakers in Congress are co-sponsoring the Trade Reform, Accountability, Development and Employment (TRADE) Act;

WHEREAS, the TRADE Act would require a review of existing trade agreements, establish standards for future trade agreements, protect workers' rights and help restore congressional oversight;

WHEREAS, the TRADE Act would spell out standards for labor and environmental protections, food and product safety, national security exceptions and remedies for violations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates to the 2010 National Organization of Legal Services Workers, UAW Local 2320 National Joint Council Meeting (NOLSW) urge passage of the TRADE Act as a way forward toward a more balanced U.S. trade policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NOLSW urges Congress to move forward on this significant legislation before considering further treaties that are written by those with a vested interest in moving U.S. jobs abroad and seeking out the lowest wage venues for manufacturing and services.