

# Say bye to buy local



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**Use this sample motion on local buying to get fair trade practices in your community. This motion could be adopted for use in municipalities, school boards and universities and health or social service agencies.**

WHEREAS the Canadian government is in negotiations with the government of the European-Union for an expansive new "free" trade agreement;

AND WHEREAS a proposed trade deal with the European Union would also bind subnational governments to NAFTA-like restrictions;

AND WHEREAS this approach would drain needed stimulus from the Canadian economy, worsen the current crisis in manufacturing, and interfere with provincial and municipal governments' authority to provide and regulate local services;

AND WHEREAS it is the right of local and provincial governments to support local or Canadian suppliers, set minimum local content rules for materials or services on major projects, adopt ethical and environmental purchasing policies, enforce commitments to hire workers locally, or require companies winning public contracts to reinvest a portion of revenues or profits in Canadian communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Municipality (or or school board/university, etc.) of \_\_\_\_\_ opposes expanding NAFTA to cover all sub-national procurement and the related effort to negotiate a "free trade" deal with the European Union that would also bind sub-national governments to NAFTA-like restrictions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Municipality (or school board/university, etc.) of \_\_\_\_\_ will write a letter to the Government of Ontario and all local governments to reject any federal proposals that would eliminate or restrict the ability to ensure that public procurement policies maximize benefits to the local and Canadian economies.