

The FTAA is Coming!



Make Trade

Clean, Green, and Fair!

Introduction

The **World Trade Organization** (WTO) and the **North American Free Trade Agreement** (NAFTA) are busy undermining our democracy. Corporations are using their powers gained under these agreements to **pillage** the global environment and **exploit** workers the world over. As if that weren't enough, the proponents of corporate globalization are at it again. They are seeking to expand NAFTA to the entire western hemisphere with an agreement called the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). Read on to find out how **you can stop the expansion of NAFTA**.

This packet is an introduction to the SSC's work on the FTAA. This packet includes:

- A timeline for FTAA organizing
- An in-depth description of what the FTAA is and what its impacts will be
- Talking points and stories on the FTAA
- Contact information for teach-ins
- Local contacts for FTAA organizing
- Suggestions for actions you can take
- Sample letters to the editor and Congress
- Resources for more information
- A reproducible flyer for distribution

Timeline

February-April: Education and Release-the-Text actions

April 1: Canadian activists have called for a release of the FTAA text by this date.

April 20-22: Demonstrations in Quebec City at the Summit of the Americas against the FTAA

April 22: The first Earth Day of the new millennium will be marked by nation-wide fair trade demonstrations.

Early May: The Sierra Club will release a report on the effects of NAFTA and FTAA investor rules on local laws. SSC-SAGE will be doing press conferences across the country.

If the text of the Free Trade Area of the Americas agreement is not released on April 1, our release the text campaign will continue until the text is obtained.

About SSC-SAGE

“Student Action on the Global Economy” (SAGE) is a new program from the Sierra Student Coalition, the student-run arm of the Sierra Club. SAGE addresses the issues surrounding the corporate globalization that is sweeping the globe, including specific instances of environmental and human rights abuse as well as the more far-reaching effects of trade agreements, trade organizations, and other global financial institutions.

SSC-SAGE strives to make trade “clean, green, and fair.” Trade should be used as way to bring true prosperity to people, not as an excuse to weaken environmental, labor, human rights, and public safety laws. Trade agreements should be negotiated in a democratic and open manner. Trade should be conducted with the goal of raising standards throughout the world, not used as leverage to bring them down.

For more info about SSC-SAGE, go to www.ssc.org or call 1.888.JOIN.SSC.

No to NAFTA for the Americas!

Don't Let the FTAA Trade Away Our Health and Environment!

Democracy today is not possible without a politics that can control global economic forces, because without such control it won't matter who people vote for -- corporations will rule.
-- Prof. Michael Sandel, Harvard University

Nothing is more vital to a healthy life than clean air and clean water. Yet under pressure of some of America's biggest corporate polluters, the Bush administration is negotiating global trade rules that will exact a severe price on our ability to protect the environment. To promote global commerce, the new trade rules set strict legal limits on governments' ability to adopt and enforce protective environmental, health, and safety standards. Already, clean water, clean air, and food safety standards have come under attack as "trade barriers" under these global trade rules. But the situation could soon get much worse.

NAFTA on Steroids

Building on a Clinton administration initiative, the Bush administration proposes to expand the North American Free Trade Agreement across the entire Western Hemisphere by 2005. This Super-NAFTA trade deal, called the Free Trade Area of the Americas, could have a devastating impact on our health and environment at home and throughout the Americas. It could expose more of our health and environmental laws to attack as trade barriers and encourage destructive mining and logging in some of our hemisphere's most precious wild areas.

Safe Drinking Water at Risk

The FTAA could replicate NAFTA provisions that can force citizens to pay polluters not to pollute. For instance, several years ago, Californians discovered that a widely-used gasoline additive called MTBE was leaking from gasoline storage tanks into the water supply. MTBE is added to gasoline to improve engine performance, but it is also a potent cancer-causing agent.

MTBE dissolves readily in water, so it spread quickly from leaky gasoline storage tanks and fuel lines into the state's precious drinking water. It has been detected in groundwater and surface water sources throughout California, forcing officials to shut drinking water wells from San Diego to Sacramento. The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory estimates that MTBE has contaminated groundwater at over 10,000 shallow monitoring sites in California. Nationally, a

study by the U.S. Geological Survey found MTBE in 14% of the urban drinking water wells it sampled.

In response to the growing health threat, California's Governor Gray Davis took the sensible step of phasing out MTBE. Problem solved? Hardly.

The ban triggered a drop in the stock price of the Methanex Corporation, a Canadian company that makes MTBE. Taking advantage of little known NAFTA "investor" rules, Methanex sued the US government in September 2000 for nearly \$1 billion and to pressure California to stop the phase out. Methanex filed its complaint before the Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, a secretive tribunal based in Paris that is authorized under NAFTA to arbitrate disputes over investments. Unlike US courts, the NAFTA investors' tribunal operates behind closed doors and does not allow citizen participation. Its rulings are final and cannot be appealed. If the tribunal rules that California deprived Methanex of its property and awards damages, the federal government could, in turn, force California to roll back its MTBE ban or pay the damages.

In short, under NAFTA US citizens could be forced to pay foreign polluters to comply with our basic anti-pollution laws. If rigorously implemented, these NAFTA rules could discourage governments from enforcing on adopting laws that protect our environment and cost taxpayers untold billions of dollars.

"Takings" Goes Global

Corporate polluters have long sought the right to compensation for government actions that might cause them any loss of profits. In the 1980s, the corporate-funded "Wise Use movement" argued that constitutional protections against the "taking" of property without "just compensation" required government payments when pollution control laws are claimed to hurt profits in any way, no matter how little. If implemented, the Wise Users "property rights" agenda would have overturned long-established Supreme Court interpretations of the Constitutional standards on "takings" and sharply limited the ability of government to act in the public interest.

Public pressure repeatedly stopped the "takings" agenda in Congress by exposing it as nothing but an effort to make citizens pay polluters not to pollute. For instance, environmentalists stopped most of the "takings" agenda embedded in Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America," and voters repeatedly rejected "takings" ballot initiatives at the state level. Then the polluters got creative and inserted the "takings" agenda into a trade agreement called NAFTA.

Corporate polluters have wasted no time in using their new legal rights to attack environmental laws in the NAFTA countries:

- In 1998, Canada was forced to settle a NAFTA "takings" complaint filed by Virginia-based Ethyl Corporation over Canada's ban on MMT, a gasoline additive known to damage the nervous system. As conditions of the settlement, Canada rolled back its ban on MMT, paid \$13 million to Ethyl, and declared publicly that MMT is safe, despite the known risks.
- Last year, a NAFTA investors tribunal ordered Canada to pay \$50 million to S.D. Myers, an Ohio-based toxic waste disposal company, which claims it was denied the right to import hazardous PCBs from Canada for incineration in the United States. So doing, the NAFTA tribunal undermined the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous

Wastes, a treaty which encourages countries to reduce exports of hazardous waste and to deal with the wastes at home.

- Also last year, a NAFTA tribunal ordered Mexico to pay \$19 million in damages to a US company after environmental officials in the state of San Luis Potosi blocked a planned hazardous waste incinerator and landfill that threatened to pollute the region's water supply.

The FTAA: Property Rights vs. the Public Interest

The threat to clean air and to safe drinking water could grow under the proposed FTAA. If NAFTA-like "takings" rules are inserted in the FTAA to protect investors, as now seems likely, companies owned by any western hemisphere trading partner with investments in the United States could sue the United States over our pollution control laws. Venezuela-based Citgo could, for instance, sue over new standards that might tighten controls on air or water pollution from gasoline. This is not idle speculation. In 1996, Citgo's Venezuelan parent company already brought a successful complaint against US clean gasoline standards under rules of the World Trade Organization. Many environmental experts believe that the United States weakened its clean gasoline standards to comply with the WTO ruling.

Alternatively, US companies could use an FTAA investor's tribunal to undermine environmental laws in Latin America. For instance, US mining corporations hold billions of dollars in rights to mine for gold beneath the Amazon rainforest. Under FTAA "takings" rules, these companies could sue for compensation if the Brazilian government moves to protect the rainforest or the indigenous people who live there.

These examples suggest that "trade agreements" are not only aimed at expanding trade. Instead, key provisions of "trade agreements" are also aimed at expanding corporate property rights at the expense of public interests. Our health and the environment could be the losers.

Who is Behind the Secret FTAA?

At the urging of President Clinton, thirty-four Western Hemisphere chiefs of state announced plans for the FTAA at the first Summit of the Americas in Miami in December 1994. The agreement will receive a major political boost when President Bush attends the Summit of the Americas in Quebec in April 2001. A "draft text" could be completed in Quebec. Thereafter, the terms of the draft FTAA will be increasingly difficult to change, even if there are serious concerns.

The public is barely aware that talks on the FTAA are proceeding. Yet, some 500 corporate lobbyists are intimately involved in crafting the terms of the agreement through secretive advisory committees to the office of the United States Trade Representative. The lobbyists that serve on these industry-dominated committees represent a "who's who" of corporate polluters. Recently, two environmentalists were added to these advisory committees, but they barely stand a chance to influence US government positions without significant public support.

Make Trade Clean, Green, and Fair

A responsible trade policy would open markets and protect the environment -- not put our health and natural heritage at risk. To make trade clean, green, and fair, the Sierra Student Coalition is urging the Bush administration to take executive action to:

- Fix trade rules so that they no longer undermine environmental and health standards;
- Conduct a thorough, objective, and participatory environmental review of all trade policies;
- Ensure that trade agreements support, rather than harm, environmental and health safeguards.
- Use trade as a tool to improve environmental standards in developing countries, not undermine them.

Take Action

Citizen involvement is critical to winning the fight to make trade clean green and fair:

- Send a letter to the editor of your local newspaper calling on President Bush to make public the FTAA and make it clean, green, and fair;
- Write to Congress urging them to vote against trade agreements that don't protect the environment.
- Organize a teach-in or other education event about the FTAA in your community.
- Go to Quebec April 17-21 to protest the FTAA, or organize a solidarity event in your town.
- Join our network by sending your contact information to nayythan@hotmail.com.

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Building a Fair Trade Campaign

Corporate lobbyists dominate American trade policy inside Washington. So to win the fight for global fairness, we must educate and organize our fellow citizens around the country. Here are suggestions on tactics to get you started on your local campaign to make trade clean, green, and fair.

Spread the Call to "Release the Text."

The FTAA has been negotiated in total secrecy. To voice your concerns about the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), urge President Bush to immediately release the draft text of the agreement so we can have an informed public debate about this critically important document. Write letters to elected officials asking them to encourage Bush to "release the text", place op-eds and letters to the editor in local newspapers, and call in to talk radio.

Set up a "Fair Trade Action Table."

To start spreading the word on the FTAA on your campus or in your community, set up a table in a place with heavy foot traffic. Pass out flyers and ask folks to sign postcards to their public officials asking them to help "free the text" of the FTAA.

Screen a Video.

The award-winning video, *Trade Off*, on the Seattle protests against the WTO is available for screening. This documentary captures the drama of the protests and features interviews with many of the leaders of the "fair trade" movement. Publicize the screening a month in advance. Make sure to circulate a sign-in sheet. Ask participants to write short messages to public officials on the spot, which you can collect and drop in the mail.

Organize a "Townhall" or "Teach-In."

To educate the public and the local media on the FTAA, organize a Townhall or Teach-In. Try to give yourself enough time to find a hall, contact coalition partners, publicize the event, and line up speakers. Our "resources" sheet may help you develop topics and find speakers. Try to include a local angle for the press. Make sure to send out a media advisory and call reporters several days before the event. To help attract attention, ask a popular professor or a sympathetic local official to participate. Make sure to sign in participants so you can build a mailing list for future actions.

Mobilize for the Summit of the Americas in Quebec City, April 17-21.

To draw attention to the FTAA, you might consider participating in the Quebec City mobilization. Or you can help organize a solidarity event in your own community. Tabling, letters to the editor, press conferences, rallies or marches, and town hall meetings are all excellent ways to involve your community and draw media attention to the FTAA.

Organize an Fair Trade Earth Day Event

Earth Day is April 22, the last day of anti-FTAA events in Quebec City, Canada. It is a perfect chance to connect the way that trade and globalization affects the environment here and abroad. If you are having an Earth Day event, devote a portion of it to educating people about that the FTAA poses to the very laws that the first Earth Day helped to create. The Sierra Student Coalition and Sierra Club are helping to create a "Fair Trade Bill of Rights" that outlines what trade agreements must include to be clean, green, and fair. You can get a copy of this and publicize it on Earth Day.

Q & A on Fair Trade

You're at a rally for fair trade with 5,000 other cheering people when a pesky reporter sticks his microphone in your face and starts asking questions. What do you say? Here's an example of what we think is wrong with current trade agreements, and what needs to be changed.

Q. What do you people want?

A. We want to make trade, clean, green, and fair.

Q: What's wrong with *free* trade?

A: Trade agreements undercut hard-won environmental laws to promote corporate profits. Already, global trade rules have been used to weaken food safety, wildlife, and pollution control laws. That's just plain wrong.

Q. Is that all?

A: No. These trade deals also encourage global corporations to escape tough pollution laws by moving to places with lax standards, hurting people in developing countries through continued exploitation.

Q. Is that all?

A. No, trade policy is secretive and undemocratic. That's especially wrong because trade agreements now directly impact environmental and other public interests.

Q: So what's your solution?

A. Most important, trade rules must be fixed so they cannot undermine our environmental laws. Second, we need to democratize trade policy. Third, we need to develop corporate accountability standards for US companies when they operate abroad. For starters, US companies should be required to disclose their environmental, human rights, and labor practices.

Q: Why do you want to impose your values on poor countries?

A. We don't want to do that. We want trade agreements like NAFTA to stop imposing corporate values on us by attacking our hard-won environmental laws as barriers to trade. To the extent we want to improve standards abroad, our goal is US corporate accountability.

Q: Can't we fix trade and environment conflicts in "side agreements?"

A. No, we can't. Trade rules themselves are actively anti-environmental. These rules must be changed to protect people and the planet. Until then we will continue to fight new trade agreements.

Educate Your Group on the FTAA

You can't mobilize people around an issue if they don't know what it is. There are a number of ways to get educated about the FTAA and how to make trade clean, green and fair. Many groups are conducting speaking tours and caravans. A few of these are listed below along with dates. All of these speakers are looking for schools and groups to host them, contact them if you are interested. The Sierra Student Coalition does not necessarily endorse either the tactics or philosophies of these groups. This list is by no means inclusive and we encourage you to contact us for more information about events happening in your area or go to our website at www.sierraclub.org/trade/. The Sierra Student Coalition can also provide videos and scripts for you to organize your own teach-ins. For more information call Ben Gore at 802.443.4150.

Call to Action Roadshow – Midwest and Northeast

Eastern Contact: Michael geo@calltoaction.org, (718) 218-7566

Western Contact: Faith resist@calltoaction.org, phone: 503-804-9378

Portland, Oregon: February 16-18 – Portland State University

East Lansing, Michigan: February 23-25 – Michigan State University

Chicago, Illinois: March 2-4 -- TBA

Lawrence, Kansas: March 9-11 – University of Kansas

Ruckus Camp, Florida: March 13-18 -- TBA

Washington, DC: March 23 – April 25

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: March 30 – April 1 -- TBA

New York, New York: April 6-8 -- TBA

Boston, Massachusetts: April 14-16 -- TBA

Quebec City, Quebec Province: April 20 – 22

Turning Point Roadshow

Contact: Leigh Scherberger, squashflower@earthlink.net, phone: 404-350-9407

Alabama

Birmingham, Tue 3/13, arrangements pending

Florida

Orlando, Sat, 3/17, Stone Soup Collective, 1020 S. Orange Ave, 407-999-7700, www.stonesoupcollective.org

Orlando, Sun, 3-18, A Day on Globalization, sponsored by Stone Soup Collective, Eco Store, and Orlando Green Party

Orlando, Mon, 3/19, Roadshow Presentations at Orlando College Campuses

Tallahassee, Tue 3/20 Florida State University, Center for Participant Education

Georgia

Atlanta, Wed 3/21, Georgia Tech Contact Maria Linderth for location details, 404-385-0088, linderth_maria@hotmail.com

Athens, Thur-Fri 3/22-23, University of Georgia, Contact Crystal Leaver, cyrstal7@arches.uga.edu

Louisiana

New Orleans, Thu 3/15, Contact Dylan, Smoke Andfire, Destruct81@hotmail.com

Mississippi

Arrangements pending

North Carolina

Asheville, Thu-Fri 3/1-2, Warren Wilson College, Fellowship Hall, Call Melissa for details, 828-683-5815

Tennessee

Nashville, Fri-Sat 3/9-10, location TBA

Memphis, Sun 3/11, location TBA

Murfreesboro, Mon 3/12, Middle Tennessee State University

Chattanooga, Mon-Tue 3/26-27, location TBA

Near Smoky Mountains, 3/24-25 – Katuah Earth First! Gathering, Contact katuah@fcmail.com

Anti-Capitalist Convergence (CLAC) – Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

Contact: clac@tao.ca, phone: 514-526-8946

February 12: Vermont

February 13: Western Mass

February 14: Western Mass

February 15: Rhode Island/Boston

February 16: Boston

February 17: Boston

February 18: Boston

February 19: Buffalo

February 20: Rochester/Syracuse

February 21: Syracuse/Albany

February 22: Albany/Connecticut

February 23: New York

February 24: New York

February 25: New York

February 26: New Jersey/New York/Connecticut

February 27: Philadelphia

February 28: Philadelphia/New Jersey/West Virginia/Baltimore

March 1: Washington/Baltimore

March 2: Washington

No to NAFTA Expansion!

Sample Letter to US Representatives and Senators

The FTAA could have a terrible effect on the environment, workers' rights, human rights, and public safety. But before it can become law, it has to go through Congress. Write to your Senators and Representatives and let them know they should oppose any efforts to expand NAFTA to the whole Western Hemisphere.

To find out who your members of Congress are, go to www.congress.org.

Addressing Correspondence:

To a Senator:
The Honorable (*full name*)
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

To a Representative:
The Honorable (*full name*)
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative/Senator (*last name*):

I am writing to you because I am very concerned about the way that trade agreements threaten our environmental, labor, human rights, and public safety standards. I am especially concerned because of a massive new trade agreement, the Free Trade Area of the Americas, that is currently being negotiated in secret.

Under NAFTA's investor rules, which FTAA will probably include, corporations have the right to sue governments if they pass laws that hurt their profits. California has already been hit with a \$970 million lawsuit because they tried to bad a gasoline additive that is giving people cancer. This threatens our very ability to legislate in the public interest.

I urge you to vote against any trade agreement or negotiating authority unless concrete and detailed protections for the environment, human rights, labor rights, and public safety laws are included. I also urge you to vote against any trade agreement that contains investor rules that threaten our ability to set high standards for the environment, workers' rights, human rights, and public safety. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(*Your name*)

Release the Text of the FTAA!

Sample Letter to the Editor

The FTAA could have a devastating environmental impact, but has been negotiated in total secrecy. Because they are the most-read section of most newspapers, letters to the editor are a great way to educate thousands of people about an issue. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper to let people in your community know about the threat that the FTAA poses to our environment.

Keep letters short (less than 200 words) and to the point.

Dear Editor:

President Bush should use his executive authority to release the draft text of the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas. The FTAA would expand NAFTA to all the countries of the Western Hemisphere, and it has been kept secret from the public. Expanding NAFTA could do untold damage to health and the environment.

Already, corporate polluters have used NAFTA to sue the United States, Canada, and Mexico for cash damages because governments enforced environmental laws that might have taken a small bite from the polluters' profits. Corporations could use these "pay the polluter" rules to discourage important environmental, health, and safety protections and cost taxpayers billions of dollars.

We've had enough of these trade deals that give new powers to corporate polluters. Instead, we need a new trade policy that is clean, green, and fair.

Sincerely,

(Your name)

Fair Trade Resources on the Web

Organizing for Quebec City Protests

Occupation de Quebec Printemps 2001: A coalition in Quebec organizing direct action. www.oqp2001.org

Anti-Capitalist Convergence, Montreal. www.quebec2001.org

A20 and StopFTAA – general organizing against the FTAA in the United States: www.a20.org, www.stopftaa.org

Environment

Center for International Environmental Laws is a public interest, not-for-profit environmental law firm working to strengthen international environmental law and policy around the world. www.ciel.org

Earthjustice is the non-profit law firm for the environment. www.earthjustice.org

Friends of the Earth is the largest international environmental network in the world with affiliates in 63 countries, empowering citizens to have an influential voice in decisions affecting their environment. www.foe.org

The Sierra Club, the United States' largest, grassroots conservation organization works to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment. www.sierraclub.org/trade

Citizens Groups

Council of Canadians is an independent, non-partisan citizens' interest group providing a critical and progressive voice on key national issues. www.canadians.org

Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, a division of Public Citizen, promotes government and corporate accountability on the international commercial agreements that shape the current version of globalization. www.tradewatch.org

Developing World

The Third World Network is an independent non-profit international network of organizations and individuals involved in issues relating to development, the Third World and North-South issues.

www.twinside.org.sg

Food & Agriculture

The Center for Science in the Public Interest educate the public and policy-makers about the critical importance of nutrition and food safety. www.cspinet.org

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy advocates for environmentally and socially sustainable agricultural policies. www.iatp.org

Government

The Free Trade Area of the Americas

www.ftaa-alca.org

United States Trade Representative

www.ustr.gov

The World Trade Organization

www.wto.org

Labor

The AFL-CIO, the federation of America's labor unions, represents more than 13 million working women and men. www.aflcio.org

Alliance for Sustainable Jobs and the Environment is a labor/environment alliance. www.fasttrackinfo.com

Video

You can obtain a copy of "Trade Off", a dramatic, feature-length documentary on the Seattle Summit of the WTO from Wright Angle Media for screening on your campus or in your community. www.wrightanglemedia.com/tradeoff

Local Organizing Against the FTAA

The people listed below are working to fight NAFTA expansion in their own areas. If there is someone in your area, get in contact with them and form coalitions. It will make your work that much easier and that much more effective. This list is constantly updated, so check out www.stopftaa.org

- **Arizona**
 - *Tucson* - Antiftaa, Coyote, Trecrawler@cranefist.com
- **California**
 - *Davis*- Working Group on Globalization, Nik Janos, 530-758-1839, info@dwgg.org, <http://dwgg.org/>, Solidarity protest in Davis, April 21-22. FTAA forum/teach-in on UCD campus, February 21.
 - *Los Angeles*- Border Actions Committee, Lee Siu Hin, (626)403-2530 BorderActions@aol.com, <http://www.actionla.org/border.htm>
 - *Sacramento* - Sacramento Activists for Democratic Trade, Trish Ryan, mail@sacacts.org, <http://www.sacacts.org>
 - *Santa Cruz* Santa Cruz DAN, krisdaehler@cruzio.com, <http://www.stopftaa.org/sc>
 - *San Francisco*- Global Exchange, Juliette Beck, 415-558-9486 juliette@globalexchange.org, <http://www.stopftaa.org/sf/stopftaa.html>
 - *Ventura*, Amnesty International, Scott Sundvall, (805) 388-1094, artinvoid@aol.com
- **Connecticut**
 - *New Haven*- New Haven Mobilization to Stop the FTAA, Justin Ruben 203-777-FEAR, justin.ruben@yale.edu, http://pantheon.yale.edu/%7Ejar67/ftaa_home.htm
 - *West Hartford*- Connecticut Global Action Network, Kitty, 860-768-6380, smashthestate@riseup.net
 - *Western CT Area* - Connecticut Global Action Network, Justin, joehill@riseup.net
- **Colorado**
 - *Boulder* -Emily, 303 492 5449, emily.becker@colorado.edu
- **Delaware**
 - *Newark* - Small Wonder Anarchist Collective, E~rawk, 877-621-9100 x318, smallwonder@ureach.com
- **Florida**
 - *Melbourne*, Green Party of Brevard, Tim Doyle, doy-gre@mpinet.net
- **Georgia**
 - *Athens* - United Progressives Athens, Crystal Leaver, (706) 355-9182 crystal7@uga.edu
- **Idaho**
 - *Boise* - Symbiosis: The Northwest's Solidarity Carnival, James, boiseon420@hotmail.com
- **Indiana**
 - *Greencastle* -DePauw Students Against the FTAA, Andrew Raker, araker@depauw.edu, <http://www.geocities.com/depauwftaaprotest>
- **Illinois**
 - *Chicago*- Student Alliance to Reform Corporations (StARC), Stephanie Lane, 773-752-6518, salane@midway.uchicago.edu
- **Kansas**
 - *Lawrence* -Free State Action, Markus Weyel, 785-232-4388, markus_weyel@hotmail.com, <http://www.kcactivism.org/calltoaction>
- **Louisiana**
 - *New Orleans*, Turning Point Roadshow Contact, Dylan Barr, Destruct81@hotmail.com, <http://www.angelfire.com/la2/neworleansanarchists/>
- **Maine**
 - Maine Global Action Network, Maine Youth Campfire Collective, campfire@abacus.bates.edu,
 - Student Environmental Action Coalition, Jeff Black, 207-244-9353, spinningyoyo@yahoo.com
 - Student Environmental Action Coalition, Rob Fish, 207-244-9353, ecology12@yahoo.com
- **Massachusetts**
 - *Boston* -Boston Global Action Network, <http://www.bostonglobalaction.org/ftaa.html>
 - *Boston*- Boston Rainforest Action Group, Kim Foster, 617-787-3556, 617-308-4530, localseed@earthlink.net
 - *Worcester*- Worcester Global Action Network, Steve Fischer, 508-752-1952 sfischer@igc.org
- **Missouri**
 - *Kansas City* -<http://www.kcactivism.org/ftaa>
- **New Jersey**
 - *Bergen County* - Bergen Action Network, ftaa@bergenaction.net www.bergenaction.net

- **Hackensack** - NJ Independent Alliance, Steve Cooper, 201-487-3748, nji@lycosmail.com, <http://www.njind.org>
- **Rutgers-New Brunswick** - The New Jersey Alliance for Direct Democracy, <http://www.freespeech.org/nj-add>
- **New Mexico**
 - **Las Cruces**, NMSU Greens, Chris Mason, (505)526-3767, chrmason@nmsu.edu, <http://www.nmsu.edu/~greens/>
- **New York**
 - **Buffalo**, Buffalo Activist Network, Charles Cobb, 716-881-7023, chcobb@acsu.buffalo.edu, <http://www.a22buffalo.org>
 - **Central New York- (Utica, Syracuse, Ithaca, Binghamton, and Rochester)**- Student Peace Action Network, Zac Moore, 315-251-1379, zdmooore@yahoo.com
 - **Cortland**- CNY COLLECTIVE, Keith Ian Neal, resistance4@worldmailer.com
 - **Ithaca**- United Progressives, Dana Brown, 607-253-1679, Dmb50@cornell.edu
 - **New York City** - New York City Coalition to Stop the FTAA, (212) 894-3747 ext4994, ftaanycinfo@onebox.com, <http://www.stopftaa.org/ny>
 - **New York City**- Rainforest Action Network (RAN), Beka Economopolis, 718-218-7566, 917-560-3609, beka@ran.org
 - **Plattsburgh** - *Plattsburgh*Action*Network*, *P*A*N*, PlattsburghAction-subscribe@egroups.com
 - **Poughkeepsie, Kingston, Albany, White Plains**- ,Jim Mays Sierra Club 845-657-2013 jmays@ulster.net
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 - **Syracuse** -Syracuse Anti-FTAA Organizing Group, Ace Allen, (315) 477-9959, ace@rootmedia.org, <http://www.rootmedia.org/ftaa>
- **New England**
 - New England Global Action Network, Tuck, 413-323-0584, chauncytuck@angelfire.com
- **North Carolina**
 - **Charlotte**-The UPRISE Collective, uprisecharlotte@hotmail.com,<http://www.uprisecharlotte.org>
- **Ohio**
 - **Cincinnati** - Coalition for a Humane Economy, che@che-2000.org, <http://www.che-2000.org/>
- **Oregon**
 - **Eugene** - Charles Thorley, dj_progress1@yahoo.com
 - **Portland**- Jobs with Justice, Laura McSpedon, 202-434-9512, laura@jwj.org
- **Pennsylvania**
 - **Philadelphia**- Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC), Kelly Nagy, 215-222-4711, 610-348-8731, ncc@seac.org
- **Rhode Island**
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