

A Concurrent Resolution from the Legislature of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ .

To the Congress of the United States of America and to the  
Congressional Delegation of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ .

### A Petition to Congress

#### **To withdraw the U.S. from the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in accordance with Article 2205 of the agreement.<sup>1</sup>**

Whereas millions of jobs have been lost by Americans due to NAFTA<sup>2,7</sup> since it was approved by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton in 1993.

Whereas the life of freedom enjoyed by Americans is made possible by our multi-layered federal system of local, state, and national governments based on the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution;

Whereas Henry A. Kissinger wrote in the *Los Angeles Times* for July 18, 1993, regarding NAFTA: “What Congress will have before it is not a conventional trade agreement but the architecture of a new international system.”

Whereas Robert Pastor wrote in the January/February 2004 issue of *Foreign Affairs*: “NAFTA was merely the first draft of an economic constitution for North America.... Although NAFTA fueled the train of continental integration, it did not provide conductors to guide it.”<sup>3</sup>

Whereas President George W. Bush established the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) of North America, with the nations of Mexico and Canada on March 23, 2005;<sup>4</sup>

Whereas a TV reporter asked President Bush on March 23, 2005, whether in light of the European Union the SPP was a step towards continental integration and he responded, “... So that the vision that you asked about in your question as to what kind of union might there be, I see one based upon free trade, that would then entail commitment to markets and democracy, transparency, rule of law...”;<sup>5</sup>

Whereas the gradual creation of such a North American Union (NAU) from a merger of the U.S., Mexico, and Canada would be a direct threat to our freedoms under the Constitution and our nation’s independence, and imply an eventual end to national borders within North America;

Whereas John M. Melle, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for North America stated before the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate on September 11, 2006: “The SPP builds on and complements the NAFTA....”<sup>6</sup>

Whereas Representative Virgil Goode of Virginia introduced H. Con. R. 22 in the House of Representatives on January 10, 2007 “Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should provide notice of withdrawal of the United States from the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).”<sup>7</sup>

Now therefore, be it resolved: by the Legislature of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, that the Congress of the United States, and particularly, the legislative delegation to Congress of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, are hereby urged and petitioned to use all of their efforts, energies and diligence to withdraw the U.S. from NAFTA, as provided by Article 2205 of that agreement, in order to help block any further participation in the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and any other bilateral or multilateral activity however named which seeks to advance, authorize, fund or in any way promote the creation of any structure to accomplish any form of North American Union as herein described.

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1. [http://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/DefaultSite/index\\_e.aspx?DetailID=178#A2205](http://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/DefaultSite/index_e.aspx?DetailID=178#A2205)

2. <http://www.epi.org/content.cfm/bp173>

3. <http://www.foreignaffairs.org/20040101faessay83112/robert-a-pastor/north-america-s-second-decade.html>

4. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2005/03/20050323-2.html>

5. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2005/03/20050323-5.html>

6. [http://www.ustr.gov/assets/Document\\_Library/USTR\\_Testimony/2006/asset\\_upload\\_file711\\_9912.pdf](http://www.ustr.gov/assets/Document_Library/USTR_Testimony/2006/asset_upload_file711_9912.pdf)

7. [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110\\_cong\\_bills&docid=f:hc22ih.txt.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110_cong_bills&docid=f:hc22ih.txt.pdf)