



Office of the Warden, County of Essex

Warden Tom Bain

September 24, 2015

Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Sir:

Re: Resolution re Trans Pacific Partnership

Essex County Council, at its Wednesday, September 16, 2015 meeting, received a delegation from several Unifor Executives, requesting support for their resolution regarding the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP). The following motion was adopted unanimously by Essex County Council:

200-15 Moved by Mr. McNamara
Seconded by Mr. Fazio

Whereas the automotive manufacturing industry is Canada's most important source of value-added exports, supporting over 110,000 well-paying direct jobs in Ontario; and

Whereas negotiations for a Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement have reportedly considered substantial reductions in regional content requirements for qualifying tariff-free automotive trade (as low as 30% for parts and 45% for finished vehicles), agreed to without the knowledge or participation of Canada and Mexico; and

Whereas a TPP with such terms would allow the inflow of large numbers of automotive products effectively made in China or in other non-TPP countries, displacing North American content and employment; and

Whereas existing auto trade imbalances between North America and Asia will not be resolved through simple tariff elimination, so long as other structural, non-tariff, and currency factors continue to unduly influence trade patterns;

The Corporation of the County of Essex therefore resolves:

- 1) That the federal government require, as a condition of any final TPP agreement, the continuation of regional value content in automotive products at least as strong as those contained within the NAFTA; and
- 2) That the elimination of tariffs on automotive imports to Canada under the TPP be contingent on Canadian-based automotive producers having meaningful and proportionate export opportunities to TPP members; and
- 3) That the County of Essex communicate its views on the TPP and the auto industry to the federal Trade Minister, Premier of Ontario, local federal election candidates of all parties, local MPs, and all municipalities. **Carried**

Regards,



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Warden – County of Essex

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