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Dear [insert MEP name],

I am writing to you regarding the upcoming vote in the European Parliament on CETA on c.14/15th February, and I am urging you to vote no to CETA.

In November 2016 the EU Committee on Employment and Social Affairs drafted a no holds barred opinion on CETA, to the EU Committee on International Trade. It made it clear that CETA will:

- barely increase jobs, and will more likely increase unemployment.
- widen the income gap
- negatively impact on the EU's 20.9 million SME's (small-medium employers)
- privilege investors over labour rights, and will
- divert trade away from developing countries, particularly Africa

A copy of the draft opinion is here:

<http://groups.globaljustice.org.uk/sheffield/files/2016/12/Eur.-Parl.-Employment-Com.-AGAINST-CETA.pdf>.

Furthermore, CETA will be an attack on our democracy as it will give top priority to 'investment protection'. This will in effect intimidate democratic governments into reining back any existing public-interest policies that might limit corporate profits. Governments could be sued, for instance, if they raised the minimum wage, took back a privatised service into public ownership, or improved labour rights, working-conditions or food or pollution-control standards.

A yes vote to CETA would be a vote for Corporations over people and the environment. I urge you to vote no to CETA.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

[Your name & address]