



" We need to educate Americans about the benefits of free trade."

If you haven't said this, then you surely have heard a friend or colleague say it. Most American citizens do not consider themselves very knowledgeable about the role international trade and global commerce play in their every day lives. As a consequence, they are silent on the issues, leaving a vacuum in public policy which protectionists and anti-global groups are only too willing to fill. We invite you to join with **Consumers for World Trade** in our mission to create and maintain an open and equitable international trading system in which the interests of consumers are represented and heard and where consumers enjoy the widest selection of products at the lowest possible prices.

CWT has four goals:

- To educate and inform consumers about the benefits of the global economy,
- To mobilize consumers to speak out on the international economic issues that affect product choices and purchasing power,
- To ensure that the government's international trade policy-making process is open to consumers and
- To represent consumers in the international trade policy making process.

CWT Works toward these Goals by

- Recognizing free trade leaders through a program of awards,
- Educating citizens through our webpage www.cwt.org and twice monthly e-newsletter *World Trade Connections* chocked full of information about trade policy and linked to federal legislators in ways that make it easy for consumers to communicate their views,
- Advocating directly on a wide range of trade policy issues from reform of the sugar, peanut and textile programs to passage of Trade Promotion Authority, and
- Mobilizing consumers and citizens to **ACT NOW!** through our network that relies on Internet technology to reach out to consumers nationwide.

Here are a few of our accomplishments in 2003 and 2004:

- CWT launched a grassroots campaign to repeal steel tariffs, eliciting over 400 citizen e-mails to President Bush.
- CWT published a Scorecard of the 107th Congress, rating them on their trade votes and sponsorships of consumer-friendly resolutions.
- CWT published an economic study on the true cost of protectionism to American consumers.

Here are a few of the things we plan to do in 2005:

- Advocate for reform of U.S. trade remedy laws and repeal of the Byrd Amendment.
- Weigh in with the Bush Administration and Congress on the cost to consumers of duties on Canadian softwood lumber through written comments, Hill visits, press releases, and participation at hearings.
- Educate American consumers through our e-newsletter *World Trade Connection* about current U.S. trade policies that are robbing them blind, and mobilize them to speak up for their free trade principles.
- Publish editorials in local newspapers around the country on the true cost of government intervention in the economy, and what should be done about it.

- Solicit e-mails from average Americans to the Bush Administration via our website, challenging him to undo the protectionist mistakes of the last 24 months, and forge Free Trade Agreements, not Managed Trade Agreements, with our trade partners.

Join Consumers for World Trade today!

Please support our efforts on behalf of American consumers by joining CWT today!

Sustaining members pay \$50 a year in annual dues. Sustaining members get all of CWT's email alerts and World Trade Connection, CWT's e-mail newsletter. In addition, Sustaining Members are eligible to serve on CWT's Board of Directors, and may volunteer for a number of key CWT committees.

CWT Patrons make a contribution of \$500 annually. This contribution gives them all the benefits of sustaining membership, as well as a ticket to CWT's annual Congressional Luncheon and our Annual Awards Dinner. Patrons are also recognized in our event programs.

YES! I believe in free markets and support Consumers for World Trade in its mission to promote the benefits of international trade. Sustaining membership is \$50 per year, while Patron membership is \$500 per year. Additional contributions to support our mission are always welcome.

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