

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am distressed at your willingness to engage in the Security and Prosperity Partnership. This has occurred not with the consultation with any Members of Parliament, but with the urging of CEOs in the North American Competitiveness Council. The NACC neither represents nor is accountable to Canadian citizens.

Its numerous implications for Canadian sovereignty and safety demand that it be discussed in the House of Parliament. The ramifications of the SPP include:

- Abandoning safety regulations for food and drugs
- Surrendering control over our energy resources
- Losing control of our fresh water supply
- Inability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased production in the tar sands
- “Americanised” foreign and defence policies, including racially based immigration policies, to accommodate the “war on terror”
- The United States dictating Canadian and Mexican policy and law

Considering that major transnational corporations including Wal-Mart and Manulife Financial are at the helm of negotiations in place of our elected representatives, I am deeply concerned over the consequences to disadvantaged people, in Canada, the States, and Mexico. We don't need these multibillion dollar entities to dictate our future policies. Closed door policy and visioning meetings stifle democracy. Needless to say, the beneficiaries of the SPP will be the corporate elite of these nations.

In your 2006 throne speech, you vowed that "significant international treaties will be submitted for votes in Parliament." Lack of parliamentary consultation on the SPP would imply apathy towards and even support of its consequences, including: increased militarization and police states, institutionalised racism, privatisation of vital social services such as healthcare, and devastating impacts on the environment and Canada's energy and resource policies. I urge you to keep your promise, and bring the SPP to the House of Parliament. It would be a step towards resuscitating democracy and showing citizens that the government is responsible to its constituents.

Sincerely,