

CANADA & NORWAY: RESPECT DEMOCRACY AND ANIMAL RIGHTS! No WTO Challenge to the European Union Seal Product Ban!

Att: The Right Honorable Stephen Joseph Harper, Prime Minister of Canada
Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg

Dear Prime Minister Harper and Prime Minister Stoltenberg:

In 2010 Canada will enjoy an international spotlight as host of the Olympics. Unfortunately, if your government follows through on its threat to challenge the European Union seal product ban, the Olympic spotlight will merely bring international scorn to Canada for its disrespect of the rights of animals and the right of governments to take action to protect animals from cruelty. Increased scrutiny on seal hunting will also cast Norway in a poor light. Instead of challenging the European Union seal product at the World Trade Organization, Canada should follow Russia's example and abolish the seal hunt.

Until this happens I pledge to

- Boycott the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and take my tourist dollars to a country that respects the rights of seals.
- Boycott Canadian and Norwegian products and encourage others to do the same, including Canadian maple syrup and Canadian and Norwegian "seafood."

Please write back with your thoughts on this issue.

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Protect Seals, Dolphins, Cats, and Dogs: End US Involvement in the World Trade Organization!

Dear President Obama, US Trade Representative Kirk, Senator _____,
Senator _____, and Representative _____:

Since its establishment in 1994, the World Trade Organization (WTO) has repeatedly ruled against the right of nations to enforce animal protective legislation relating to foreign imports. Currently, two WTO cases threaten marine mammals:

- Canada and Norway are challenging the European Union's ban on seal products to protect their cruel seal hunts. Canada recently refused to ban dog and cat fur imports out of concern that this would undermine their core argument of their challenge to the seal hunt ban – that nations do not have a right to ban imports on the basis of compassion for animals.
- Mexico is challenging the United States Department of Commerce's Dolphin-Safe tuna label, intended to allow consumers to support tuna brands that do not deliberately capture dolphins while netting tuna. Mexico wants the WTO to require the Department of Commerce to misleadingly label dolphin-unsafe tuna caught by the Mexican fishing fleet as dolphin safe.

I urge you to introduce or support a resolution to end US involvement in the WTO.

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