

# Citizen Trade Policy Commission

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2008

Room 206 CSOB, Augusta

(9:00 AM)

## AGENDA

### Full commission convenes at 9:00 AM (ACF Committee Room, Room 206)

- Kay Alison Wilkie, Director for International Policy (NYS Department of Economic Development) will attend by conference call to discuss the latest developments with IGPAC (Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee) and trade policy developments of interest to states and areas the commission may want to focus on over the next year.
- Discuss Columbia Free Trade Agreement. Peter Riggs will attend by tele-conference, and Sarah Bigney.
- Discussion: Responding to the Columbia FTA either as a region or separately.
- Discuss LD 2096 – Trade Bill (An Act Regarding International Trade Agreements)
- Report: Sarah Bigney will present her report on Peter Riggs', of Forum on Democracy and Trade, visit to the various legislative committees.
- Reformation of subcommittees
- Discuss the February 21, 2008 Public hearing, topics for discussion and logistics.  
Date: February 21, 2008;  
Location: South Portland Community Center;  
Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Topics for round table discussion & Logistics
- Set next meeting date and agenda items

## **Citizen Trade Policy Commission**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

**Room 206 CSOB, Augusta**

**9:00 A.M.**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Full commission convenes at 9:00 AM (ACF Committee Room, Room 206)**

- **Discussion and Vote:** Commission's response to the Columbia Free Trade Agreement. (Copy of letter attached)
- **Discussion:** "Lead in toys and consumer products from China." Attached is a summary of the analysis by Forum on Democracy & Trade. The analysis focuses on Maryland because that's where the World Trade Organization's (WTO) complaint was directed.
- **Discussion:** "Atlantica"
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- **Invitation:** The New Hampshire Citizen Trade Commission has extended an invitation to the members of the Maine CTPC to attend their meeting/discussion on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Concord, N.H. The guest speaker for this event will be Ms. Maude Barlow is the National Chair of the Council of Canadians. This organization is a well-known Canadian NGO focused on various trade and development issues. **Maine Event** is on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008, For more information: <http://www.defendingwaterinmaine.org/symposium.html>
- **Discussion:** Reformation of subcommittees.
- **Update:** LD 2096 – Trade Bill - An Act Regarding International Trade Agreements.
- **Report:** Summary of Public Hearing testimonies. Minutes of last general meeting. Attached.

- **Discussion: Next Public Hearing** - Venue, Date and Time; Invitations/Guest Speakers.
- **Set Agenda Items:** Next general meeting is on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.

### **ADDENDUM TO AGENDA MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2008**

- **Discussion:** “Atlantica” proposal.

**Note:** It is the name given to a proposed “border-free” plan that would create an integrated cross-border economic region that encompasses (Newfoundland, P.E.I., Nova Scotia and New Brunswick), eastern Quebec, and the New England states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and of Northern New York. The proposal was made by the Atlantic Provinces Chamber of Commerce and the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies; Atlantica is part of the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America, which aims to create a common market to integrate the Canada's East Coast with the northeastern United States;

Proponents say that "the removal of barriers and harmonization of regulations" will provide corporations with more privileges than those they already enjoy with NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement). The plan would erase border restrictions and regulations and create a huge transportation corridor to send Asian goods and energy resources to the United States. (Maude Barlow, national chairwoman for the Council of Canada, spoke on this topic in 2007 at Dalhousie University in Halifax N.S.)

# CITIZEN TRADE POLICY COMMISSION

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Transportation Committee Room, Augusta

10:00 A.M.

## AGENDA

### Full commission convenes at 10:00 AM

- **UPDATES:**
  - Letter in opposition to the Colombia Free Trade Agreement, sent to the Maine congressional delegation on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008;
  - Letter to U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Susan C. Schwab sent on April 23, 2008. Request a response by May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and to participate in this meeting.
  - Maine “lead in consumer products” bills (LD 2048 and LD 2218) both have been enacted into law as Public Law 2007, chapter 643 and Resolve 2007, chapter 186.
  
- **Report:** Tiffany Moore, Assistant USTR for Intergovernmental Affairs & Public Liaison.
  
- **Report:** Representative S. Treat to give a report on NCSL meeting held in DC last week and the Columbia FTA resolution
  
- **Update** from Bill Warren, Robin Lunge - Forum on Democracy & Trade
  
- **Discuss:** Next Public Hearing - Venue, Date and Time; Invitations/Guest Speakers.
  
- **Discuss:** Atlantica project guest speakers for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008 meeting
  
- **Information on CTPC Website:** Uploaded to CTPC website – Summary of the general meetings public hearing summaries; the Colombia & USTR letters; and additional information on trade issues.
  
- **Presentation:** “Reformation of subcommittees.” Presenter: Malcolm Burson
  
- **Set Agenda Items:** Next general meeting is Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.

# Citizen Trade Policy Commission

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008, 10:00 A.M.  
Transportation Committee Room, Augusta

## AGENDA

### Full commission convenes at 10:00 AM

- **Introductions**
- **Presentation by Guest Speakers:**
  1. Brian Crowley. Ph.D. is the founding President of the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies (AIMS), Atlantic Canada's public policy think tank.
  2. Leo Broderick, Vice-Chair of Council of Canadians; a community activist, past president of the PEI Teachers' Federation; and former vice-president of the Canadian Teachers' Federation.
- **Set Dates** (Please complete the sign up sheet being passed around)
  1. Date, Place, and Place for – Public Hearing October 1- 15
  2. Date for (early September)– Future Directions for the Commission.  
(Discussion/workshop on the strategic direction of the commission.
  3. Set New Date for Regional of Northeastern States Meeting – (September 11,12, 13, 18, 19, 20).
- **Information/ Discussion**
  - Speaker William Warren will give a short presentation on this issue. -International Water Trade, Kennebunk/Nestle Agreement (See attached handout)
- **Follow-Up:**
  - Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 tele-conference: *Removing WTO Barriers to Our Climate Change Solutions*. Presenter Todd Tucker, Research Director, Global Trade Watch
- **Comments:**
  1. Further comments - GATS letter updated and sent out. (Robin Lunge is available telephonically for questions).
  2. Maine's Administrative Procedure Act (Linda Pistner) – Does it meet the new transparency obligations proposed by the Chairman's fourth GATS draft?

- **Invitation:**
  1. To participate in a conference call re: GATS Domestic Regulations on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. (Agenda Attached)
  
- **Set Agenda Items:** Next general meeting is Friday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. Transportation Committee Room #126

# **Citizen Trade Policy Commission**

**Regular meeting, Friday, July 18, 2008**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Transportation Committee Room, Augusta**

## **AGENDA**

### **Full commission convenes at 10:00 AM**

- **Introductions**
  
- **Trade updates – 10:15AM**
  1. Conference call update by Congressional staff members (Dylan Williams - Sen. Snowe's office; Kim Glas – Rep. Michaud's office; Alison Walsh – Rep. Allen's office; someone from Sen. Collins may attend).
  
  2. Peter Riggs (Forum on Democracy and Trade) – July 15<sup>th</sup> GATS conference call; NCSL and Council State Governments East meetings; the WTO Doha Round; and the Glamis Case.
  
  3. Rep. Burns – Update on Kennebunk/Nestle water issue and someone from the area will give testimony on the issue. Please review William Warren's discussion of this agreement which is posted on the commission's webpage (the transcript and audio).
  
  4. Linda Pistner – Application to Maine of the new transparency obligations proposed by the Chairman's fourth draft of proposed disciplines under GATS.
  
- **Regional meeting (Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Manchester, NH @ the Hilton Garden Inn)**
  - General discussion and carpooling options. The Forum has set aside rooms for Thursday and Friday – email Robin Lunge or Peter Riggs to reserve a room. The Forum is developing an agenda and meeting times.
  
- **Commission's "work shop" (Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>)** Discuss and confirm the following:
  1. Location and duration;
  2. Facilitator;
  3. Develop a rough agenda or blueprint for work shop; and
  4. Head count (as of 7-2-08, five members have confirmed two of which can only attend after 10:30AM).

- **Public hearing in Bangor**- Determine date in early October; identify facility to host meeting; Rep. Michaud may be able to attend an early October hearing – no reply from others yet. If others do not attend should there be a panel discussion? If so, suggestions for panelists?
- **Commission's Assessment** – General discussion. Public Law 2007, chapter 266 requires the commission to conduct an assessment of the impact of trade agreements on Maine every two years. The law took effect on June 8, 2007 so the next assessment is due in 2009. The commission should have \$10,000 to conduct the assessment. The Forum on Democracy and Trade collaborated with the commission to conduct the commission's last assessment. That assessment is on the commission's webpage.
- **Staffing update** – Sen. Rotundo
- **Next meeting date and agenda items**



# Citizen Trade Policy Commission

## Regular Meeting

November 20, 2008  
10:00 a.m.  
Transportation Committee Room,  
Augusta

### Agenda

- Introductions
- Discussion - September 19th Regional Meeting  
Sen. Rotundo (led by Rep. Treat or Peter Riggs, if Sen. Rotundo is unavailable).
- Conference call with Peter Riggs  
RE: IGPAC letter (review letter and vote)
- Commission's 2009 assessment
- Public Hearing - December 4th Husson College
- Discussion - Commission strategies for 2009
- Discussion - Subcommittee Structure
- Dr. Weiss Sentiment
- Membership Vacancies
- Schedule Next Meeting

### Additional Information

**Citizen Trade Policy  
Commission  
Regular Meeting**

**November 20, 2008  
10:00 a.m.  
Transportation Committee Room, Augusta**

**Agenda**

**Introductions**

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**Discussion - September 19th Regional Meeting**

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**RE: IGPAC letter (review letter and vote)**

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**Commission's 2009 assessment**

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**Public Hearing - December 4th**  
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**Discussion - Commission strategies for 2009**

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**Discussion - Subcommittee Structure**

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**Dr. Weiss Sentiment**

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**Membership Vacancies**

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