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The Struggle for Fair Trade Begins by saying No to CAFTA! **National Week of Action: February 21st-25th**



In December, despite tremendous popular opposition, CAFTA was passed in El Salvador. For Salvadorans the last chance of stopping CAFTA lies in the US Congress. Thankfully, there is great resistance to CAFTA in Congress; a slim majority of representatives believe **CAFTA is a bad deal for working people in the United States and Central America**. CAFTA proponents, however, have a great deal of power and will begin to leverage that power this spring to win votes. In order to keep our majority and beat CAFTA, **we must keep educating, supporting and pressuring our representatives**.

Farmers, students, religious and labor groups across Central America and in the U.S. are calling for coordinated activities in the coming months to stop CAFTA, so that in the future we can **promote just alternatives**.

Congressional representatives will be in their home districts 4 times in the next 5 months. **The first Congressional home period begins President's Day weekend, February 21-25. This is an opportunity to meet with your representative, do educational outreach, and insert the CAFTA debate into your local news. Some suggested activities to accomplish this are:**

- Meet with, call, or write your representatives in your local area. Find your representative's contact information at www.house.gov.
- Begin planning for nationally coordinated actions during the Global Week of Action from April 10-16. Bring together a coalition of religious, immigrant rights, labor and solidarity groups in your community to organize an activity in April.
- Organize a workshop on CAFTA to educate your community about CAFTA.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local paper. This is a very effective way to catch the attention of your congressperson.
- Get creative... the possibilities are endless!

Resources for these projects can be found at:

www.share-elsalvador.org/cafta/index.htm or www.stopcafta.org.

If your committee plans or participates in an activity, please contact Chloe at chloe@share-elsalvador.org or 202-319-5540.

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