



About the “D5” March and Rally

On Saturday, December 5 (“D5”), people from throughout Oregon will converge for a march and indoor rally in downtown Portland as part of a global mobilization against the new WTO Ministerial. We will call for an end to any expansion of the “free trade” model, and speak out for the prioritization of human need over corporate greed.

Specific Message

We oppose expansion of the World Trade Organization

Broader Message

Decisions regarding the economic and environmental crises should be made in response to the needs of communities, rather than the desires of Wall Street

Background

- The World Trade Organization is meeting in Geneva, Switzerland on the exact 10-year anniversary of the Seattle WTO protests. This new ministerial is the largest international gathering on trade and investment in years, and is where the Obama administration and other governments will unveil plans for the future. Corporate lobbyists are pushing to jumpstart the “Doha Round” WTO expansion at this meeting. We need to send a loud and clear message that we oppose any further expansion of the undemocratic, “free trade” model epitomized by the WTO.
- Labor, environmental, human rights, family farm, indigenous, faith and community organizations around the globe are mobilizing to demonstrate against the WTO in their own cities and towns. At D5 in Oregon, we will be letting our elected officials know we’ve had enough of free trade policies that lead to a collective race to the bottom for workers in the United States and across the world; that worsen global poverty; push small farmers off their land; force migration; increase carbon emissions; destroy the environment; deregulate banks; weaken consumer safety; and disappear the middle class.
- International trade involves a wide range of issues, and so will the D5 march and rally. This includes labor rights, environmental rights, immigrant rights, food sovereignty, international solidarity and more.
- The Seattle protests were a convergence of social movements that showed, by working together, we can win — even when up against the most powerful corporate interests in the world. In this time of incredible economic and environmental crisis, we need to reinforce the message that organizing and grassroots pressure can make a difference. In addition to being a space to present our demands, D5 will also be a space to celebrate our past victories and reaffirm our belief that another world is possible.

Learn more at: www.december5.org