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Rep John P Murtha
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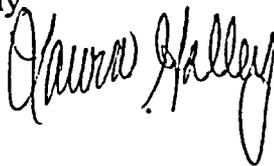
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Dear Rep John P Murtha,

The Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) puts our communities at risk by increasing trade at the expense of hard-won safeguards for working people and the environment. America needs trade agreements that uphold, rather than undermine, labor and environmental standards. I urge you to oppose CAFTA.

Under CAFTA, foreign corporations would gain new powers to sue governments that seek to improve environmental protection standards. CAFTA could also increase food safety risks and CAFTA's environmental provisions are wholly inadequate. The Bush administration intends CAFTA as a model for the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), which would cover all the Western Hemisphere save Cuba. We urge you to vote "no" - not to block trade, but to send a signal that CAFTA is the wrong model for hemispheric trade.

Sincerely,



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