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To: Senator Peter Cook
Chair of the Australian Senate Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between
Australia and the United States of America

Dear Senator,

I write to you as member of the Australian Services Union (ASU) in the State of Queensland
(Queensland Services Branch).

I have been advised by my Union of substantial concerns raised by the details of the present draft of the
USA-Australia Free Trade Agreement, which will:

- reduce opportunities for ASU members in many industries covered by the Union;
- reduce the number of Australian based directors in companies;
- reduce regional employment;
- reduce the decision making powers of local communities and local or state governments
(including publicly owned government enterprises); and
- have a negative affect upon many Australians

I have also been made aware of the potential this agreement has to bring about a loss of Australian
culture, reduce reinvestment in Australian jobs, and reduce tariffs on goods. I also have concerns in
relation to the fact that Australia did not seem to get as good a deal through the FTA as other nations
that have negotiated similar agreements with the USA.

I have great concern for the possible outcomes, non realised benefits to Australia, and the manner in
which the agreement was negotiated.

I ask that the Senate Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United
States of America fully investigate and review it and establish a process of renewed negotiations of the
DRAFT Agreement that is acceptable to the broad Australian society.

We ask the Senate Committee to reject the Agreement in its present form.

Yours Faithfully,


Juliette McAleer