

REQUESTED BY:
COLBERT - COUNCIL AS A WHOLE
TITLE

LAW DEPARTMENT
DRAFT NO. 3510A

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND IN
PARTICULAR THE OHIO CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION, TO VOTE AGAINST FAST TRACK
LEGISLATION AND SUPPORT THE OHIO SENATE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. _____,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 4585/15

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Congress, under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, to regulate commerce with foreign nations to the benefit of the United States; and

WHEREAS, under Fast Track Legislation, also known as Trade Promotion Authority, Congress abdicates its right to amend or significantly debate trade agreements, allowing only a "yes" or "no" vote, with no possibility of improvement for American companies or American workers; and

WHEREAS, no trade agreement has ever been defeated under Fast Track Rules; and

WHEREAS, trade agreements under Fast Track Rules are negotiated in secret, with no input from the public; and

WHEREAS, the United States Trade Agreements that have been enacted under Fast Track Rules; including the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Central America Free Trade Agreement, and the Korean-US Free Trade Agreement, have resulted in sixty thousand manufacturing facilities closing in the United States and the loss of over seven million manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS, previous trade agreements enacted under Fast Track Rules have "lose to win" enforcement mechanism, i.e., the United States has to lose jobs in order to win a ruling enforcing the trade agreement if it is violated by another party; and

WHEREAS, the job losses attributable to trade agreements enacted under Fast Track Rules have impacted states and local communities through smaller tax bases and lost revenue; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Warren, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That we, the members of the Warren City Council of the State of Ohio, on behalf of all citizens of this City, strongly urge the Congress of the United States, and in particular the Ohio Congressional delegation, to vote against Fast Track Legislation.

Section 2: That we, the members of the Warren City Council of the State of Ohio, on behalf of all citizens of this City, urge the Ohio General Assembly to vote in favor of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. _____ urging the Ohio Congressional delegates to vote against Fast Track Legislation.

Section 3: That the Clerk of Warren City Council transit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, the President of the Ohio State Senate, the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, State Representative, Michael J. O'Brien, State Senator, Capri S. Cafaro, Senator Sherrod Brown, and Congressman Tim Ryan, and the news media of Ohio.

Section 4: That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that the City has the ability to have influence on trade agreements without threat of legislation proposed by U.S. Lawmakers. WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall go into immediate effect.

Passed in Council this 8TH day of April, 2015.

SIGNED: [Signature]
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: [Signature]
CLERK

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 4-8-15

DATE APPROVED: 4-8-15

[Signature]
MAYOR, CITY OF WARREN