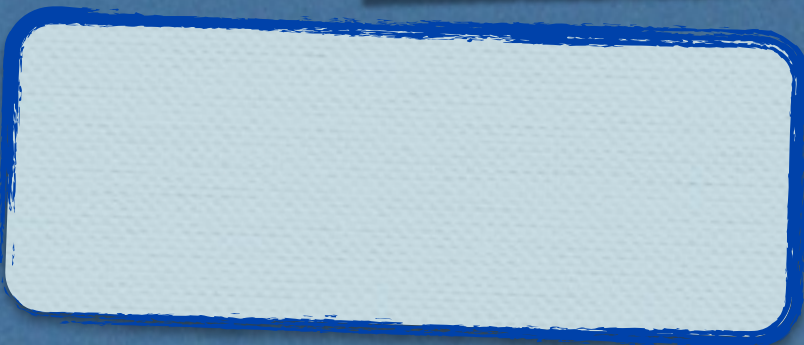


AGRICULTURE ISSUES FORUM

Trans Pacific Partnership:
Recipe for Success?
or Blueprint for Disaster?



*Agricultural Issues
Career Development Event*

1. List course(s) in which instruction occurred including the number of students involved.

Related instruction occurred in the following courses at Galt High School: Agriculture Economics, 58 students; Agriculture Biology, 131 students; Agriculture Systems Management, 48 students; Agriculture Leadership 44 students; and Agriculture Soil Chemistry, 33 students. Total: 314 students

2. Why is the issue important now?

This issue has passed the negotiations phase and is currently pending Congressional approval. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) was negotiated on behalf of the current Presidential administration, but it is now up to Congress to decide whether or not the United States will become fully signatory to this agreement. With China's growing influence in the Asia-Pacific region, it is in our nation's interest to assert influence through full participation in this partnership. Should the United States Congress decide not to ratify the agreement, the remaining 11 countries will still proceed, possibly exacerbating a shift toward Chinese leadership in these growing economies. Additionally, the timeliness of this issue is complicated by upcoming U.S. elections, with a slim likelihood of a vote occurring until elections are concluded (Ross, personal communication).

3. What is the nature of the issue?

The nature of this issue is divided between those who believe trade benefits America and those who believe it is a detriment. Contradictory experiences inform the public opinions on the issue with economic arguments leading the way. For example, those who believe their incomes have been negatively affected by free trade agreements (NAFTA, for example) will typically rise in opposition to the TPP. However, those who have benefitted from trade (such as many American agriculturists) will often support the signing of future agreements such as the TPP (Lim et al., 2012). In addition, others will stake their opinion on philosophy. For example, the TPP includes the Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), a measure that could endanger American sovereignty by allowing foreign companies to sue our government. Many observers have taken issue with this specific feature (Tung, 2015), while others applaud the TPP for increasing U.S. leadership in a region growing ever-more dominated by Chinese influence (Chang, 2016).

4. Who is involved in the issue?

There are 11 countries outside the U.S. who have negotiated the TPP--Japan, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Brunei, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Mexico, Chile and Peru. All 12 countries involved have the potential to strengthen economic productivity and enhance political ties as a result of this new relationship. This issue affects many industries and consumers of all types. Export-focused industries such as agriculture, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing and information technology have a vested interest in the domestic ratification of the TPP due to potential increases in export revenue. Companies who are not export-dependent also have a stake in the issue due to possible effects of foreign competition on their bottom lines. Aside from industrial and commercial interests, consumers are involved in this issue as well. Passage of this trade agreement could impact prices, availability and quality of many goods, both those that are produced domestically and abroad.

5. How can the issue be defined?

This issue can be defined as a conflict between past experience with trade agreements versus potential benefits of a new agreement. The legacy of NAFTA has led many Americans to question the value of free trade (Scott, 2003). According to the Economic Policy Institute, NAFTA has caused a net displacement of 682,900 American jobs, largely concentrated in the manufacturing sector (Scott, 2011). Additionally, many Americans are wary of global agreements that potentially compromise our sovereignty and undermine our laws, as past trade agreements have done (Newport, 2016). However, the potential benefits act as a counterweight in this argument, with economic possibilities leading the discussion. Analysts expect the TPP will increase U.S. exports and support higher-paying jobs (Petri et al., 2012). The first trade agreement to focus on the needs of the small and medium sized businesses that comprise 98 percent of U.S. exports, the TPP contains commitments to ease red-tape and paperwork. Leveling the playing field now is expected to produce even greater gains in the future. By 2030, Asia's middle class is projected to reach 3.2 billion people, and those consumers will likely drive demand from autos and airplanes, to agricultural goods, movies, software and services.

6. What is the historical background of the issue?

Historically, U.S. trade policy has promoted the reduction of barriers and greater global integration (Chen & Wolf, 2001), and the TPP continues this trend. America is subject to several bi- and multi-lateral trade agreements; the largest of which is the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA Triumphant, 2015). Signed in 1995, NAFTA includes the United States, Canada and Mexico and was designed to eliminate barriers such as tariffs, custom duties at ports, and protections of copyright laws. NAFTA is credited with boosting trade income from goods and services to \$1.2 trillion by 2011 (NAFTA Triumphant, 2015). However, it is also blamed

for the elimination of nearly 700,000 jobs as many manufacturing firms moved production to Mexico (Scott, 2013.). In the Asia-Pacific region, the US began negotiations following an evolution of the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership's (TPSEP) scope. Originally an agreement between Brunei, Chile, New Zealand and Singapore, the TPSEP sought diversification of trade between the signatory countries with a clause targeting the accession of other states. Beginning in 2008, others joined the discussion for a broader agreement, with the current 12 expected to increase in coming years if the agreement increases member prosperity (Chang, 2016).

7. What caused the issue?

International trade has been a driving force in the American economy since our nation's inception. The founding fathers gave the authority over trade to Congress in the Constitution, and it has been a point of political contention since (Williams, 2013). Of particular conflict is the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) powers given to the President. Passed in the Trade Act of 1974, these powers gave the President the authority to negotiate international economic agreements that Congress can pass or fail but cannot amend or filibuster. Originally set to expire in 1980, TPA was extended by 8 years in 1979 and again in 1988 for the negotiation of NAFTA. Recently, the Obama administration argued that its renewal was necessary for the United States' accession to the TPP (S. 995, 2015), and it was renewed. Since TPA was used to negotiate this agreement, the hands of America's Congress are tied, with the only options being to pass or fail the entire package. Such limitations on amendment can be a hard sell to legislators who seek to serve constituents as well as earn re-election. However, TPA was a critically important confidence-builder for foreign nations who sought to enter into agreement with the American people, as they knew it could not be dismantled to suit political needs (McCartin & McClure 2016).

8. What are the risks?

Though an agreement of this scale comes with more risks than can be readily articulated, the primary concerns arise from endangerment of middle-class jobs and nullification of domestic food safety laws. Economic activity prioritizes efficiency and profit enhancement, which leads to firms outsourcing production to countries with cheaper costs of production than those found in the United States (Ferguson et al., 2013). Observed with prior agreements, the reduction of trade barriers enhances the ability of a country to move labor-intensive or environmentally-sensitive production overseas, thereby reducing gainful employment in the U.S. (AFL-CIO, 2015). With an already sluggish economy in place, many Americans are concerned about the TPP's effects on American jobs (Langer, personal communication). On the food safety side, the United States has among the most comprehensive food safety standards on the globe, all of which could be jeopardized should the TPP pass. The U.S. has prevention-based policies and procedures to combat and decrease food borne illnesses with a "test and hold" policy central to the federal protocol (USDA FSIS, 2015.) This procedure could be challenged in court as an illegal trade barrier thanks to the Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism that allows private companies to sue national governments. In addition, federal food safety laws concerning labeling, additives, pesticides and antibiotics can be challenged as illegal trade barriers under TPP (Tung, 2015).

9. What are the benefits?

There are a number of anticipated benefits of TPP ratification, primarily to agriculture and to the globe's larger economic conditions. Firstly, with the reduction of 18,000 tariffs, the net farm income could be increased by \$4.4 billion (American Farm Bureau Federation, 2015). Due to a multiplier effect, this can also benefit businesses and rural communities affected by the increase in agricultural productivity (Ross, Personal Communication). Most sectors of agriculture stand to benefit from increased exports, with specialty crops such as fruits, nuts and vegetables, as well as commodities such as rice, corn and beef standing to gain at the greatest pace (Ross, personal communication). The passage of the TPP also promotes employment and economic activity on a global scale. The reduction of 18,000 individual tariffs as well as the elimination of protectionist trade barriers can open the door to increased competition and improvement of market access. Currency manipulation, antidumping and import surge clauses in the agreement seek to level the economic playing field for all industries across member nations. With increases in fair access comes greater productivity. Companies who export historically pay workers 18% more, with concentrated effects expected in automotive, pharmaceutical and information technology industries (Solis, 2012). All member nations stand to experience some economic benefit from the agreement.

10. Is there strong disagreement on how the issue should be solved?

The TPP is a complex, multi-faceted issue, and it has generated passionate arguments from both sides of the aisle. With TPA preventing amendments to the agreement, compromises must be reached external to the 6,000 page document before the U.S. can move forward as a member nation. After the conclusion of the current U.S. election, it is expected that Congress will take a closer look at the agreement and move it forward toward a resolution that is in the best interest of the American people (Schott et al., 2013).

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Organization	Date of Presentation	Location	Number Present
Ecological Farming Association	3/09/16	Guinda, CA	43
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Congressman Ami Bera's Office	3/28/16	Sacramento, CA	19
California Farm Bureau Federation	3/28/16	Sacramento, CA	10
California Department of Food and Agriculture, Secretary Karen Ross and Executive Staff	3/28/16	Sacramento, CA	22
Agriculture Issues Center, UC Davis	3/30/16	Sacramento, CA	12
School of Education, UC Davis	4/15/16	Sacramento, CA	21
Communication Workers of America Labor Union	4/15/16	Sacramento, CA	29
Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLC	4/15/16	Sacramento, CA	11
Sandra Schubert, Attorney at Law	4/15/16	Sacramento, CA	11

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March 9, 2016

To Whom it May Concern:

It was an absolute pleasure for the Ecological Farming Association to hear the presentation from the Galt FFA members on the Trans-Pacific Trade Partnership on March 9, 2016 at 8am in our meeting in Guinda, CA.

36 members of our organization were present along with the team and coach, totaling 43 individuals. Included are our program director, outreach coordinator and several board members. All parties commented that the team was well prepared to discuss this sensitive and critically important issue.

As a group of largely specialty crop producers in California, we have paid attention to the Trans Pacific Partnership and are concerned about several clauses of the agreement. We were able to inform the team of some small changes they needed to make to their presentation to ensure the needs of small farmers were understood and articulated in the presentation.

That aside, the presentation was thoughtfully crafted and well-presented. We are pleased that our group was able to hear such well-spoken young individuals articulate their thoughts on behalf of the FFA organization as well as from the agricultural perspective.

We look forward to hearing of the successes of the Galt FFA Agriculture Issues team at their state finals competitions this coming May.

Sincerely,

Hallie Muler
Board of Directors
Ecological Farming Association
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Our first two forums at the Ecological Farming Association and the Sacramento County Farm Bureau are the sites where our team really began to grow in our technical understanding of this important agricultural issue. Representing multiple sides and agricultural groups within the industry, these entities provided honest, realistic feedback that allowed our team to develop as presenters and communicators. Our identities and perspectives had yet to fully take shape, and these forums allowed us to determine the most critical elements of the Trans-Pacific Partnership that needed to take center stage in our presentation.



April 4, 2016

Galt High School Agriculture
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RE: Galt High School Ag Issues Forum – Trans Pacific Partnership

The Galt High School Ag Issues team presented to the Sacramento County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and guests on March 22, 2016 at the Farm Bureau office (8970 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove).

The Sacramento County Farm Bureau is a non-profit, grassroots, general agricultural organization that protects and promotes agriculture in Sacramento County. It is part of the California Farm Bureau Federation and is the largest agricultural organization in the state.

In attendance were 30 people; including Farm Bureau Board of Directors, County Ag Commissioner, a representative from the California Farm Bureau Federation, and Farm Advisor with the Cooperative Extension Service. This also included the student presenters and their instructor. The Board of Directors represents a diverse range of farming and ranching operations in Sacramento County, including those who are exporters and rely on comprehensive trade agreements.

The Ag Issues team presented on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a topic that Farm Bureau and its members have a thorough understanding. Farm Bureau appreciates the commitment of these young people to an important and relevant topic in agriculture. We felt the team did an outstanding job in presenting all sides of the issue. The audience had a few areas in which students needed to verify the information they provided. In addition, the audience engaged the team in a discussion on specific commodities important to trade and reform priorities.

We wish the continued success of the issues team as they compete this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charlotte Mitchell".

Charlotte Mitchell
Executive Director

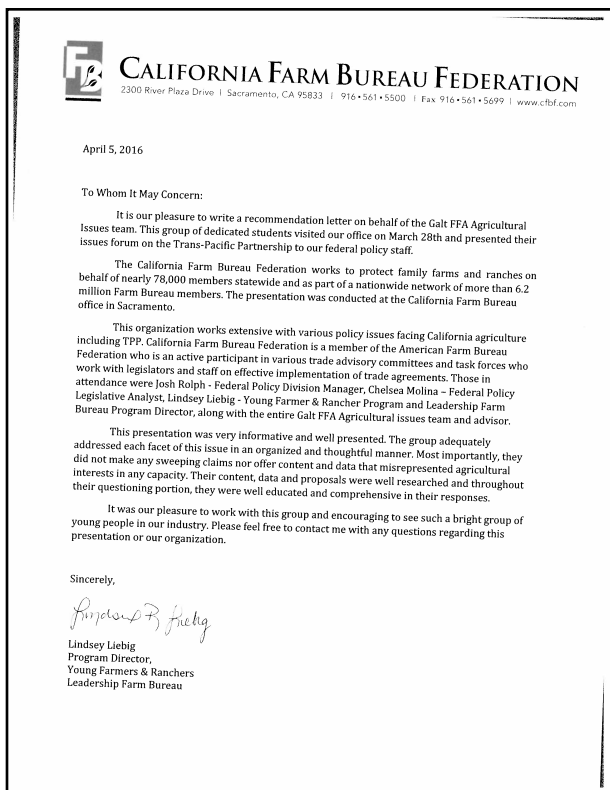
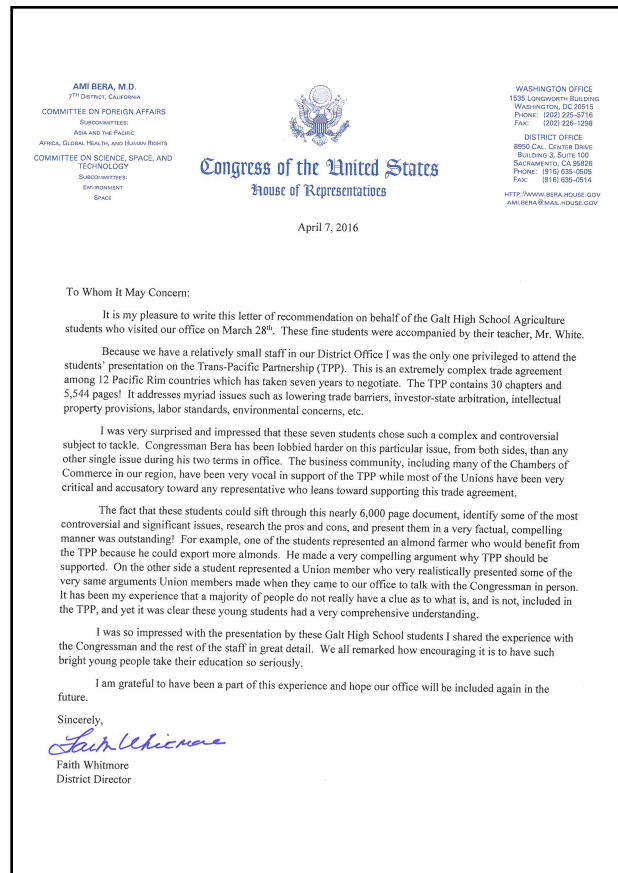
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Following our early visits to agricultural groups, we took the time to present and visit with Congressman Ami Bera's legislative staff. Aside from growth as presenters, we were able to improve our grasp of legislative processes as well as our understanding of the complexity of the agreement. In addition, we learned the methods by which legislators make decisions that affect the people in their districts. Since the TPP could have a huge impact on the Sacramento area, Congressman Bera was well informed on the issue and its implications to our region's economy.



At the California Farm Bureau, we were able to wrap our minds around the large impact this agreement will have on California's agricultural exports as well as looked closer at the food safety issues in the TPP that could affect confidence in the food supply.

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At our forum with **Secretary of Agriculture Karen Ross** and Executive Staff, we were able to gather information on the multiple effects this agreement will have on the entire California agriculture industry. Additionally, we improved our presentation quality thanks to their advice.



April 13, 2016

Subject: Galt High School Agriculture Issues Forum Presentation

To Whom it May Concern:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) was created by the California Legislature in 1919 to protect and promote agriculture. Today, CDFA uses a combination of tradition and innovation "to serve California citizens by promoting and protecting a safe, healthy food supply, and enhancing local and global agricultural trade, through efficient management, innovation and sound science, with a commitment to environmental stewardship" – CDFA Mission Statement. As a highly respected agriculture agency, CDFA partners with California farmers and ranchers to address critical issues surrounding the agricultural industry in order to protect consumers and provide safe, healthy products locally and abroad.

The Galt High School Future Farmers of America, Agriculture Issues Team delivered their presentation on the Trans-Pacific Partnership to CDFA staff on March 28 at the Sacramento headquarters office. The staff present included: Jenny Lester Moffitt, Deputy Secretary; Kevin Masuhara, Deputy Secretary; Michele Dias, General Counsel; Rick Jensen, Director of Inspection Services; Karl Morrow, Director of Administrative Services; Taylor Roschen, Legislative Manager; Natalie Krout-Greenberg, Special Assistant, Inspection Services, and me. In total, there were 15 in attendance, including the presenters and their FFA advisor.

The students chose a challenging topic and did an excellent job. Their presentation was informative, well thought out, and represented various sides of the issue fairly with supporting statistics to strengthen their debate. They truly embraced the passion for their character's roles, which help carry their message and point of view. Following their presentation, the students fielded tough questions from the state's top experts on the issue.

We were all very impressed by their knowledge and poise and commend them for their involvement with the agriculture program. We look forward to working with them in their future agriculture careers and wish them the best of luck!

Yours truly,

Karen Ross
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April 5, 2016

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Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for the presentation by the Galt High School Agriculture students on the effects of the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) on California agriculture to staff at the University of California Agricultural Issues Center (AIC) located on the University of California Davis campus on March 30 2016.

The University of California Agricultural Issues Center (AIC) is a statewide program within UC Agriculture and Natural Resources. We study topics such as international markets, invasive pests and diseases, the value of agricultural research and development, agricultural policy and the rural environment among others. The issues are often global, but we emphasize implications for agriculture and natural resources in California. The audience for AIC research and outreach includes decision makers in agriculture and government, scholars and students, journalists and the general public.

Those in attendance included Daniel A. Sumner, Director and Professor in the UC Davis Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (ARE), Dr. Hyunok Lee, Research Economist in ARE and Georgi Gabrielyan, Graduate Student Researcher at AIC and Ph.D. candidate in ARE. Including the presenters and other attendees affiliated with Galt High School, there were a total of 12 people at the event.

The students presented a thoughtful review of TPP data and analysis. The whole presentation was lively engaging and interesting. They hit all the most important points and explained issues very clearly. My colleagues told me after the event how impressed they were. I am glad that the comments and suggestions from me and my team were helpful.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Sumner

Daniel A. Sumner

As an author of the TPP, UC Davis Professor of Economics Daniel Sumner and his colleagues were able to provide tremendous insight into the inner-workings of the agreement, as well as clarify our economic perspectives and the food safety argument.



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Staff from the UC Davis College of Agriculture and School of Education were able to boost our presentation quality and question-answering ability by providing precise technical feedback as well as enhancing our knowledge of agriculture exports and economics.

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April 19, 2016

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Dear Mr. White,

Thank you for the presentation by the Galt High School Agriculture Issues Team on the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) at the School of Education, University of California, Davis to invited guests in the Agricultural and Environmental Education Program on April 15, 2016.

The presentation was a pleasure to set-up and included guests from across campus that represented Agricultural and Environmental Education Program. The guests included: two (2) past graduates of the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation; two (2) university professors interested in the TPP; one (1) counselor from the dean's office of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; four (4) graduate students in International Agricultural Development; two (2) graduate students in Agricultural Education/MA program; three (3) undergraduate students in Agricultural and Environmental Education; as well as others interested in the presentation from the School of Education. The entire group, including presenters was 21 people.

The presentation was well thought out and balanced. TPP is a tough topic, but the students were willing to take on the challenge and did an outstanding presentation. The committee especially liked that there were many facets to the presentation that included important social issues such as living wage, social justice, immigration, and environmental issues just to name a few. The audience was very impressed with the presentation and level of knowledge demonstrated by the students.

Good luck with future presentations!

Sincerely,

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April 15, 2016

Mr. White,

I am writing to acknowledge the presentation that your Galt High School students' Agriculture Issues team made on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal today. On behalf of myself and Vice President Alice Hodges, we appreciate the thoughtful presentation on this important matter by your students.

With regards to the structure and content of the presentation, our impression was that the TPP was presented in a balanced manner, with two pro and two con perspectives, as well as two moderators to facilitate. In addition, the use of mock roles (a labor representative, a farmer, an economist and a food safety professional) helped to enliven key stakeholder positions on the TPP in this mock forum. As well, the referencing by all parties of facts and figures was appreciated, and added substance to the assertions that were made. Each presenter was articulate, offered several key points to substantiate their positions, and was concise; also, the moderators helped to keep the flow of dialogue moving and shift from one side of the issue to the other. Finally, the introductory and closing statements assisted to both frame and sum up the salient points of the presenters.

Overall, we thoroughly enjoyed the presentation on the TPP, and how this trade deal might impact the agricultural sector of our economy, with appropriate context given to farming, jobs, food and our economy. Well done!

If you should need to contact me or Ms. Hodges, please feel free to do so at any time (see above). I can be reached directly at 916-335-5492 or robert@cwalocal9421.org.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Robert Longer
Legislative-Political Director
CWA Local 9421, Sacramento

As a labor union, the CWA Local 9421 provided a unique experience that dramatically aided our understanding of the labor perspective on this issue. We gathered information regarding employment data with free trade as well as hearing about the labor standards present in many of the TPP member nations.



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KSC KAHN, SOARES & CONWAY, LLP

April 30, 2016

Dane White
Agriculture Department
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Dear Mr. White:

Please consider this letter as confirmation of your team's excellent presentation of the effects of the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) on California agriculture to staff at Kahn, Soares and Conway LLP on April 15, 2016 at 11am. A following presentation to Sandra Schubert and myself will be confirmed with a separate letter, though it did occur on the same day and at the same site.

Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLP is a full-service law firm with an extensive and diverse clientele. Representative clients include numerous private associations, international and publicly traded corporations, state commissions, boards, chemical manufacturers, city government, hospitals, land developers and construction contractors. We advocate in the legislative arena on topics such as international agricultural markets, legislative restrictions and improvement of the legislative climate for agricultural productivity. The audience for our activities includes decision makers in agriculture and government.

Our firm adheres to basic principles that have sustained us since we first began practicing law. Our clients come first and through common sense, hard work and a team effort by highly skilled professionals we strive every day to obtain the best possible results. We attempted to communicate these ideas to the Galt FFA team and coach them on the best ways to deliver their message in a persuasive and effective manner.

Those in attendance included several staff members schooled in agricultural advocacy and legislative action. We had a total of 14 individuals present.

The students presented a thoughtful review of the Trans Pacific Partnership and included many points of view, never seeking to create an exact solution but instead putting it in the hands of the listener to determine the most appropriate course of action. The whole presentation was engaging and interesting. They hit all the most important points and explained issues very clearly. My colleagues told me after the event how impressed they were with the fact that youth of varying backgrounds took on a tremendously complex issue and articulated the most important points to great effect. I home that the comments and advice provided by our staff proves to help this most excellent team improve in preparation for the final competitions.

Good luck in your final preparations as your team prepares to take home the gold for Galt FFA.

Sincerely,

George Soares
Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLP

Our final visits were conducted with a legal perspective in mind. First, we visited with the staff at Kahn, Soares and Conway and were given tremendously valuable information about how lobbying and advocacy processes work as well as how public opinion affects the finality of trade agreements such as the TPP. Following, but at the same site, we were allowed to present to Sandra Schubert, Attorney-at-Law and former Undersecretary of Agriculture in California. As a practicing lawyer with international agriculture experience and a direct tie to the Trans Pacific Partnership, Mrs. Schubert was able to detail the inner-workings of the legal processes present in the Investor-State Dispute Settlement as well as the food safety labeling issues that may arise if the TPP is passed. Both presentations were filled with communication advice as well, and our team was given excellent coaching and guidance.

SANDRA LYNN SCHUBERT
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28 April 2016

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Dear Mr. White:

Thank you and your team for the presentation by the Galt High School Agriculture students on the effects of the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) on California agriculture to myself and George Soares at the Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP offices on 15 April 2016. I continue to be impressed by the quality and passion of the Galt High School students.

I have spent nearly twenty-five years as a strategist, legal counsel, senior advisor and manager of California agricultural, environmental and natural resource programs at the local, state and federal levels, including as Undersecretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Administration. Trade issues, including the TPP, have been a pivotal part of these efforts, both the philosophical issues and boundaries of trade agreements, as well as their political and practical effects. The implications of these global issues for agriculture and natural resources in California are undeniable.

Those in attendance included Sandra Lynn Schubert, Attorney at Law and former Undersecretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and George Soares, Managing Partner, Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP. Including the presenters and other attendees affiliated with Galt High School, there were a total of 11 people at the event.

The students provided an insightful and clear review of the TPP and its labor, environmental, consumer and economic aspects. Not only was the information interesting, but the students comported themselves with professionalism. They welcomed and actively sought feedback, striving to improve their presentation. The presentation, discussion and getting to know the students were enjoyable and educational. I am glad that you and the students found the comments and suggestions of assistance. Please tell the students "good luck" and let me know how they fare in the competition. I am confident that they will excel.

Best wishes,

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