

Template open letter on US trade deal

This template letter can be used to collect signatures from individuals and/or groups in a local area, to raise awareness of the US-UK trade deal. It would then be sent to the local newspaper or equivalent. It can be adapted to suit local priorities.

Dear Editor,

We are concerned about the US-UK trade deal being negotiated in secret. This is a high risk deal, which could undermine many things which we value and will affect us in [insert placename].

1. It could weaken public services like the NHS, and drive up medicine prices.
2. It could lower food, animal welfare and environmental standards.
3. It could block government action to tackle the climate crisis and encourage the use of dirty fossil fuels.
4. It could allow chemicals currently banned in the UK to be used in cosmetics or sprayed on crops.
5. It could increase the power of Silicon Valley online giants like Facebook, Google and Amazon, and make it even harder to get them to pay taxes.

We believe these dangerous trade talks should be stopped. Instead we need trade that works for people and planet.

Yours sincerely,