

## **Resolution to Stop the New Food Act**

### **Food Safety and Inspection Act C-80**

**Whereas;** Bill C-80 Will shift the burden of proof from the manufacturer having to demonstrate evidence of safety to the public having to prove harm, and

**Whereas;** Bill C-80 would put the enforcement of food safety solely and permanently in the hands of the ineffectual Canada Food Inspection Agency, and

**Whereas;** Bill C-80 would legalize and widen the sale of genetically engineered foods, and

**Whereas;** Bill C-80 rewards the producers of GE foods by allowing their products on store shelves without mandatory ingredient and nutritional labeling, and

**Whereas;** Bill C-80 would weaken the role of the Minister of Health, and

**Whereas;** Bill C-80 would place even more reliance on industry self-policing to prevent e-coli contamination and other kinds of health hazards. It would have safety standards negotiated and set through international trade agreements in which corporate interests and influence predominate, and

**Whereas;** Bill C-80 fails to equate food safety with Canadian-made sustainable food policy or as a basis for improving people's health. It fails to spell out clear food safety and quality standards, or even a definition of what constitutes safe wholesome food, and

**Whereas;** Bill C-80 was drafted with only the participation of food industry officials and no opportunity for public discussion or involvement.

**Whereas;** Bill C-80 limits access, disclosure, and the public's right to know.

**Therefore Be It Resolved;** That the Canadian government,

1. Stop dismantling the Food and Drugs Act.
2. Return all food safety duties to Health Canada from Agriculture and CFIA.
3. Ban genetically engineered foods.
4. Build the scientific expertise to regulate food and drugs in the public interest.
5. Conduct an independent public investigation of the Health Protection Branch.

Respectfully Submitted by, CAW Local 200 Retired Workers Chapter