

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE PROPOSED NEWSPRINT TRADE TARIFF

WHEREAS, Our democracy depends on our citizens receiving truthful and timely information about events regarding public affairs and government actions; and

WHEREAS, Community newspapers are a creditable source of vital information and the bedrock to our principles as a free nation; and

WHEREAS, The viability of local newspapers, including The Courier-Tribune, is being challenged by an unnecessary tariff on the import of uncoated ground wood paper from Canada – the type used to print newspapers; and

WHEREAS, The tariff, if fully implemented, could lead to the loss of thousands of jobs in the news industry; and

WHEREAS, The tariff could also affect other business segments such as book publishers and paper merchants thus increasing prices and leading to loss of jobs; and

WHEREAS, A final decision by the U. S. Department of Commerce on the tariff is expected in May; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Democratic Party and individuals present will contact the U. S. Department of Commerce and our U. S. Senators and U. S. Congressman letting them know we oppose the proposed newsprint trade tariff.

Submitted by the Randolph County Democratic Party County Convention