What We Can Do
No one can do all of these actions, but it’s a powerful statement if all of us do one or two. Our collected efforts add up to a force that’s hard to ignore. So, consider adding your voice. Here’s what you can do.

- **Be informed.** Lots of information on NAFTA and fair trade can be found at the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center Economic Justice [website]. Public Citizen has an extensive archive of information [here]. Learn the basics. There is no need to become an expert to express your views, just be well enough informed to make your point when an opportunity arises.

- **Help create a public presence around the NAFTA reset to educate and agitate on behalf of fair trade** and against proposals that would preserve the NAFTA status quo or make matters worse. A continuous and persistent presence is key to both educating the public and persuading politicians to do the right thing. We don’t need to be experts just reasonably well informed. Be polite yet persistent in seeking answers and pressing decision makers for a commitment to people over corporate profits.

- **Write letters to the editor,** post articles and commentary or your own thoughts on social media. This is one of the most important contributions concerned citizens can make to the effort to educate and activate fellow citizens. You can use this website or download Public Citizen’s NAFTA [fact sheet]. Pick one or two points to make. To make it more personal, you can cite your own experiences to make your case.

- **Ask Mr. Polis and our senators to support fair trade.** Representatives should propose and/or support rule changes to NAFTA that protect workers, communities, public health and the environment. Replacement of the ISDS tribunals is the first step toward a fair trade policy. Trade sanctions issued by an independent publicly funded court can ensure compliance without sacrificing democracy and self-determination. Attend meetings and town halls with representatives and make phone calls to their offices. Send emails and letters too. Post information and statements on their social media sites, including those of elected officials. Attend your representatives’ town hall meetings and other public events to speak to public officials and draw public attention to the issue. Hold decision makers’ feet to the fire by asking pointed questions.

- **Help build support for fair trade** among citizens, local elected officials, civic organizations and prominent private sector individuals to show federal officials there is support for fair trade. Petitions, open letters and endorsements by groups and individuals demonstrate support for change.
The Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center is one member of a coalition of individuals and organizations working to change trade policy for the betterment of all people and the environment. If you would like to learn more about NAFTA and other trade deals in the making, go to the RMPJC website. If you have questions or would like to get involved, please contact Carolyn at carolynbninski@gmail.com or Ken Bonetti at kenecon2004@gmail.com.