

To:
The Free State of Thuringia
Thuringian State Chancellery
To the Attn of the Prime Minister,
Mr Bodo Ramelow
Regierungsstraße 73
99084 Erfurt

Heidelberg, 27 May 2016

**CETA Free-Trade Agreement
Application to the Constitutional Court for Judicial Review**

Dear Mr Ramelow,

The Alliance for Democracy (*Menschen für Demo-kratie*, see www.menschenfuerdemo-kratie.de) is a proponent of real, direct democracy. We look upon the proposed free-trade agreements TTIP and CETA with great concern. The investment protection provision in particular threatens democratic freedom and the rule of law. This is not only politically, but also constitutionally questionable.

The Left Party has taken a clear position against the TTIP and CETA in its current form. The Alliance for Democracy applauds this and urge you as prime minister and your state government to do everything to stop the TTIP and CETA.

CETA is upon us. Please submit the corresponding request for a judicial review with an emergency petition against CETA to the Constitutional Court. The state government has the possibility to initiate an urgent constitutional review.

For your information and further use, we are enclosing a legal opinion we commissioned from the law firm Kanzlei Jakob & Kollegen. The conclusion of this legal examination is clear: The proposed investment protection provision is unconstitutional.

Please send us feedback on how the state government will proceed regarding CETA.

Yours faithfully,

Attached

Legal opinion