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57	Jason Hanson Saskatoon SK	23 Jan. 2001	Canadian citizen	Opposed	<i>(Labour, environment, equality, transparency)</i> - Concerned with the effects of unfettered capitalism, competition, and industrialization on the environment and human society. - Free trade as defined so far has ignored issues related to sustainability, equality, and sovereignty. - Social and environmental realities are inextricably linked to financial and industrial development so we should alter the way we negotiate these deals. - Any country should retain the right to manage its domestic affairs without interference. - The national negotiating agenda should not be to liberalise and then dominate the economies of Central America, but to create fair and mutually beneficial trading links with these countries.
58	Kal-Trading Inc. Gobi Saha Brampton ON	16 Jan. 2001	Plastics	For	<i>(Tariff elimination)</i> - Tariff reduction or elimination would make it more competitive to sell to the region.
59	Klohn-Crippen Consultants Ltd. Mr. Ernest A. Portfors President and CEO Richmond BC	08 Feb. 2001	Consulting Engineering	For	<i>(Market access)</i> - Obtain a significant proportion of their business from outside Canada. - International trade is vital to their company and to the jobs they provide for Canadian engineers and associated support services. - Support the concept of free trade, with all Canada's trading partners. Canada's markets are worldwide and we can only prosper if we have easy access to those markets. Similarly, our trading partners need open access to Canadian markets.
60	Lab-Volt M. Normand Roussy Directeur régional des ventes Charlesbourg QC	31 Jan. 2001	Haute Technology et Formation	Favorable	<i>(Stratégie régionale)</i> - Une telle réalisation s'inscrit d'emblée comme étant une nouvelle étape dans le cadre du projet libre-échange des Amériques, suivant celle de l'ALÉNA. - Il semble avoir un intérêt accru pour les produits de Lab-Volt dans cette région et un ALE permettrait d'être encore plus concurrentiel dans ces marchés.