



# TAKE ACTION TO STOP THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP!

TPP = Trans-Pacific Partnership. It is the dream of the 1%. With 600 U.S. corporations as officials advisors, this stealthy international agreement has been negotiated behind closed doors over the past two years – with talks heading to San Diego in July.

What would TPP mean for the 99%? Millions more American jobs offshored. Backdoor deregulation for financial firms to wreck the economy again. Floods of unsafe food and products. Higher medicine prices. A ban on Buy America policies needed to create green jobs and rebuild our economy. Foreign corporations empowered to attack our environmental and health policies in foreign tribunals.



Closed-door talks are on-going between the U.S. and Australia, Brunei, Chile, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, Malaysia and Vietnam; with countries like Japan and China potentially joining later. The 600 corporate advisors have access to the draft text of this deal that could change all of our lives. The public, Members of Congress, journalists, and civil society are excluded. Until now... get involved!

## **Corporations Grab Taxpayer \$\$ Attacking U.S. Laws in Foreign Tribunals**

Read how foreign corporations would be empowered to attack U.S. health, land use, environmental, and other laws before tribunals of three corporate lawyers operating under World Bank or UN rules to demand taxpayer compensation for policies they think undermine their expected future profits. (Already \$350 million has been paid to corporations under NAFTA's version of this crazy system.)

## **Bye Bye American Jobs & Buy America**

Special investor protections take away the risk of offshoring jobs to low-wage countries and in fact incentivize offshoring by providing special benefits for companies that leave. Plus, TPP would impose limits on how our elected officials can use tax dollars – banning Buy America or Buy Local preferences when government buy goods and services.

## **Undermining Food Safety**

TPP would require us to import food that does not meet U.S. safety standards. It would limit food labeling.

## **Son of SOPA: Curtailing Internet Freedom**

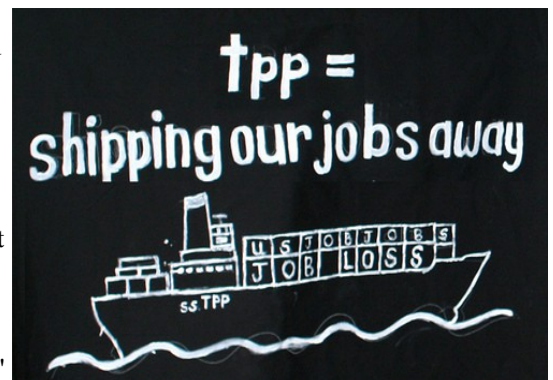
Thought SOPA was bad? Read how TPP would require internet service providers to "police" user-activity and treat individual violators as large-scale for-profit violators. Plus, TPP would stifle innovation.

## **Financial Deregulation: Banksters' Delight**

TPP would rollback reregulation of Wall Street. It would prohibit bans on risky financial services and undermine "too big to fail" regulations.

## **More Expensive Medicines, Threats to Public Health**

Disgustingly, U.S. negotiators at TPP are pushing the agenda of Big Pharma – longer monopoly control on drugs for the big firms and higher prices for us. These proposals would mean millions in developing countries are cut off from life-saving medicines and higher prices for those of us in rich countries.



## 12 ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE RIGHT NOW TO STOP THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

**#1: LEARN** about how TPP endangers our food, our health, our jobs, our environment, human and animal rights, and our ability to regulate Wall Street by visiting <http://tradejustice.net/tpp>. Visit our TPP video gallery at <http://tradejustice.net/tppvideos>.

**#2 SIGN UP** at <http://tradejustice.net/form> to join TradeJustice's anti-TPP activist network to receive critical updates on the fight against TPP and get involved in our anti-TPP organizing efforts. Even if you've already filled out one of our sign-up sheets at an event, please visit this link, which will help us determine what email lists to add you to and what tasks you'd like to help with.

**#3: MAKE A DONATION** to TradeJustice's campaign against TPP at <http://tradejustice.net/tppdonate>.

**#4: PRINT FORM LETTERS AGAINST TPP**, get people to sign them at rallies, forums, protests, meetings, and other events, and mail them to TradeJustice (address is on the bottom of the letters). You can find form letters on a variety of TPP issues and informational handouts to give to signers at <http://tradejustice.net/tppformlet>.

**#5 WRITE TO YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVE** about the TPP and Fast Track using the online action alert at <http://tradejustice.net/ftalert>. Please also post the alert on Facebook, Twitter and other social media. Over 2,000 messages have been sent to Congress since the State of the Union, and want to make sure that every Member of Congress is hearing from multiple constituents about it.

**#6: HELP MAKE CONGRESS AWARE OF TPP SECRECY** – Six hundred official corporate advisers have access to negotiating documents while the public, press and even Congress are being kept in the dark. Help raise awareness of the TPP secrecy by writing to your elected officials and requesting copy of the TPP draft text. Contact your House Rep using the online action alert at <http://tradejustice.net/secrecyalert> and your senator using the alert at <http://tradejustice.net/sentext>.

**#7: WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR** of your local newspaper using the online tool at <http://tradejustice.net/ltetool>. A sample letter is provided, but the more you can personalize and localize your letter, the more likely it is to be published. You can find an example of a letter that was published, provoking lots of positive responses in the paper's comments section, at <http://tradejustice.net/lettersample>.

**#8: ADOPT A CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE** – We need volunteers in every Congressional district in the NY metropolitan area who are willing to keep an eye out for Town Halls and other public events held by U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators. Please take a moment now to visit your Member of Congress' websites (you can learn who represents you and find a link to their websites at <http://gjae.org/leg>) and sign up for their email lists, so that you're receiving invitations to their constituent events. Also visit their reelection website (separate from their Congressional website – you can find them by websearching your Senators and Representatives' names) and sign up for their reelection campaign email list to find out about campaign fundraisers and other public appearances. Once you've done so, please let our friends at Citizens Trade Campaign know by filling out the online form at to join the TPP Congressional Accountability Project. When you hear about an upcoming Town Hall or public event with your Members of Congress, please email [adopt@tradejustice.net](mailto:adopt@tradejustice.net) and [info@citizenstrade.org](mailto:info@citizenstrade.org). Whenever possible, please attend the event yourself and ask a pointed question like: “I am angry that U.S. Trade negotiators have refused to tell the American public what they've been proposing in our names for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, while simultaneously giving hundreds of corporate lobbyists, including those from Walmart, Chevron and Cargill, access to the negotiating texts. We can't afford for the TPP to become another back-room deal that enriches big corporations at the expense of working people. Will you commit to opposing Fast Track authority for the TPP?”

**#9: GET YOUR ORGANIZATION TO SIGN THE TRI-NATIONAL UNITY STATEMENT...** – Are you a member of a union, religious congregation, community group, or activist organization? Ask the organization to add its name to the Tri-National North American Unity Statement Opposing NAFTA Expansion through the Trans-Pacific Partnership. You can read the statement at <http://tppxborder.org/> and add your organization as a signer at <http://tradejustice.net/unity>.

**# 10 ... AND THE HEMISPHERIC STATEMENT VS. TPP** Also ask the organization to sign the Statement of Social Organizations of the Americas in opposition to the TPP by filling out the form at <http://tradejustice.net/hem>.

**#11: CONTACT YOUR STATE SENATOR AND ASSEMBLYMEMBER** and urge them to add their names to Maine State Representative Sharon Treat's letter to US Trade Representative Ron Kirk concerning TPP and the environment. They can view the letter, Rep. Treat's cover letter, and find out how they can sign on at <http://tradejustice.net/treat>. Also ask them to co-sponsor The New York Jobs and Trade Act (S.1072/A.1695), which they can find at <http://tradejustice.net/nyjt>. You can find your state legislators' contact info at <http://tradejustice.net/sleg>

**#12: MAKE A 1-2 MINUTE ANTI-TPP VIDEO** – One of the best ways to get people fired up about the TPP and Fast Track is to show how it impacts our everyday lives. Public Citizen is collecting 1-2 minute videos from individuals and groups explaining why you (or an organization you are part of) oppose the TPP and Fast Track and what you think trade policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century should look like. If an organization you are part of was one of the over 400 groups that signed on to the organizational letter against fast track for TPP to Members of Congress (you can check if your organization signed at <http://tradejustice.net/ftlet>), also explain why your organization thought it was important to sign that letter. Please send videos to Public Citizen's Lacey Kohlmoos at [LKohlmoos@citizen.org](mailto:LKohlmoos@citizen.org). Submissions will be used to create one full-length video, but will also be posted individually to the Global Trade Watch (GTW) Facebook page, YouTube channel, TPP website, and twitter feed. Be as creative as you want. GTW welcomes everything from a simple statement, to an interview, to a song, to visuals and mixed media. If you have any questions, email Lacey or call her at (202) 454-5134.