

To: Members of the U.S. House and Senate

From: Patriot Organizations

Date: March 11, 2014

Re: Fast Track trade authority/Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Constitution

We write to demand that you oppose the Obama administration's TransPacific Partnership global governance agreement (hereinafter referred to as TPP) and Fast Track authority. These initiatives are threats to our constitutional republic and our economy.

The TPP will be transfer large swaths of our sovereignty to international institutions and tribunals. The majority of its text is about global governance rather than trade. Unelected bureaucrats are negotiating away federal authority in areas including financial regulation, copyrights, patents, immigration, energy, food safety, energy policy, labor and government procurement. The TPP can overrule past acts of Congress, install rules that Congress has previously rejected. And the agreement is permanent.

Adjudication of alleged violations will be performed by international tribunals consisting of foreign trade lawyers who will displace the U.S. court system. This pro-globalism agreement has been negotiated in secret. Congress has little or no access to the negotiations and the draft text.

The TPP also infringes upon states' rights. State and local governments have the constitutional authority to enact rules governing many areas covered by the TPP. But they will no longer have the freedom to do so in the many regulatory areas covered by that agreement. Foreign companies will have the right to sue state and local governments, in those international tribunals, for any rule changes that harm those foreign companies' profit expectations.

Obama wants to use "Fast Track" trade authority to push this anti-sovereignty agreement. We ask that you oppose Fast Track as well. Using Fast Track, Congress largely surrenders to the President its Article I, Section 8 authority to regulate foreign commerce. President Obama can negotiate and sign this trade and global governance agreement without Congressional oversight, write the implementing legislation, and push it through Congress with limited time, limited debate, and no amendments. This surrender of Congress' constitutional authority is unique, dangerous and wrong.

We look to you to protect our constitutional republic, our sovereignty, and our economy from the clear and present danger of the TransPacific Partnership. We ask that you oppose it as well as Fast Track trade authority.

Sincerely,

[Signatory organizations on following pages]

Organization	City	State
Alabama Legislative Watchdogs	Birmingham	AL
AMIGO	Luverne	AL
Barbour County, AL Tax Enough Already Party	Eufaula	AL
Common Sense TPP of Covington County	Andalusia	AL
Greenville TEA Party Patriots	Greenville	AL
Lamar County Tea Party Patriots	Vernon	AL
Rainy Day Patriots	Hoover	AL
Wetumpka Tea Party	Wetumpka	AL
Northwest Arkansas Citizens For Better Government	Fayetteville	AR
North County Conservatives.org	Escondido	CA
Bears Ears Tea Party Patriots	Craig	CO
Castle Rock 912 Project	Castle Rock	CO
13 Patriots	Sarasota	FL
AgEnders	Chipley	FL
Bear Witness Central	Jacksonville	FL
Big Boss Ministries	North Miami	FL
Brevard 912	Melbourne	FL
Carrollwood 9-12	Tampa	FL
Child Of GOD	Leesburg	FL
Concerned American Patriots Of Jackson County, FL	Marianna	FL
DC Works For US	Lighthouse Point	FL
East Orlando Tea Party	Altamonte Springs	FL
First Coast Tea Party	Jacksonville	FL
Florida Minuteman Org.	Lake Wales	FL
Florida Patriots	Riverview	FL
Gainesville Tea Party	Gainesville	FL
Liberty In Action	Sarasota	FL
Martin 9/12 Committee	Stuart	FL
Martin 912 Tea Party Committee	Stuart	FL
Miami 912 Project	Miami Lakes	FL

Organization	City	State
Nature Coast 912 Groups	Weeki Wachee/Pasco/ Citrus/Lakesu	FL
Pinellas Patriots 912	Largo	FL
Putnam County Tea Party	Palatka	FL
Sarasota Patriots	Nokomis	FL
Save America Foundation	Clearwater	FL
SWFL Citizens Alliance	Southwest FL	FL
Tampa 912	Tampa	FL
Tampa Tea Party	Tampa	FL
Tea Party Fort Lauderdale	Fort Lauderdale	FL
Tea Party Of East Hillsborough	Lithia	FL
TeaParty Command Center For The State Of Florida	Seffner	FL
The Villages Tea Party	The Villages	FL
Titusville Patriots	Titusville	FL
Transforming Florida	Largo	FL
Venice 912	Venice	FL
Volusia 912 Patriots, Inc.	Ormond Beach	FL
North Georgia 912	Lawrenceville	GA
Pickens County GA Tea Party	Jasper	GA
Valdosta Tea Party	Valdosta	GA
Parke County Patriots	Rockville	IN
East KY Tea Party	Hazard	KY
Northshore 912	Mandeville	LA
SW Louisiana Tea Party	Bell City	LA
Coalition for a Prosperous America	Sheffield	MA
American Mother	Bowie	MD
Take Back Your Power Como	Columbia	MO
912 Project Of Brasstown	Brasstown	NC
912 Project Of Cherokee	Cherokee	NC
Andrews 912 Project	Andrews	NC
Asheville Tea Party	Hendersonville	NC

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Clay County 912 Project	Murphy	NC
Roanoke Valley Patriots	Littleton	NC
We The People Of Franklin County Patriots	Zerbulon	NC
Southwest Nebraska Tea Party	Stratton	NE
Medina Tea Party Patriots	Medina	OH
Kitchen Table Patriots	Doylestown	PA
People For Liberty	Pittsburgh	PA
Philadelphia Tea Party Patriots-Lower Bucks	Feasterville Trevose	PA
America Don't Forget	Ocoee	TN
Tea Party Of South East Tennessee	Cleveland	TN
Alvin TEA Party	Alvin	TX
NE Tarrant Tea Party	Grapevine	TX
TeaParty911.com	Sulphur Springs	TX
Texas Eagle Forum	Dallas	TX
The Boiling Point TEA Party	Keller	TX
Waco Tea Party	Waco	TX
Wilco Tea Party	Georgetown	TX
Stand4UT	Salt Lake City	UT
Alexandria Tea Party	Alexandria	VA
Wythe Co. Tea Party	Speedwell	VA
Young Americans For Freedom Chapter	Linden	VA
Kitsap Patriots Tea Party	Kitsap County	WA
Eagle Forum Of Southeast Wisconsin	Butler	WI