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- Eliminate safeguards against patent abuse, including among others the right of third parties to challenge patent applications (pre-grant opposition).
- Risk facilitating patent abuse by requiring countries to condition marketing approval on patent status (patent linkage). Under patent linkage, even spurious patents may function as barriers to generic drug registration.
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**I urge you to demand transparency in the negotiating process  
and to pledge to oppose TPP if it comes to a vote in Congress.**

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