



# OCCUPY THE TPP:

## Stop the Global Corporate Coup!

### Direct Action Training

**September 8 & 9,  
Baltimore, MD**

**Get trained by Bill Moyer of Backbone Campaign and Kim Marks of Earth First!  
for a week of action at the Leesburg, VA Trans-Pacific Partnership Negotiators' Summit!**

Trade negotiators and corporate lobbyists from the United States and throughout the Pacific Rim will be meeting at a fancy resort in Leesburg, Virginia outside of Washington, DC from September 6 to 15 to advance the secretive Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement — an transnational corporate power grab that would affect the economy, the environment, public health and democracy itself for decades to come.

Itsoureconomy.us will be holding a direct action training in Baltimore on September 8th being organized with the Backbone Campaign. The training will focus on spectacle actions as well as ways to engage the negotiators. To get an idea about what we will be doing visit <http://backbonecampaign.org>. The training will be held at the Real News Network building 235 Holiday Street in Baltimore, MD. The training will be led by two top national trainers, Bill Moyer of the Backbone Campaign and Kim Marks of Earth First! and Rising Tide North America. Space is limited and running out.

**If you want to attend RSVP to [info@october2011.org](mailto:info@october2011.org).**

**If you are coming from the New York metropolitan area, please fill out the form at <http://tradejustice.net/tppform> to coordinate travel plans with others from the area.**

U.S. negotiators have granted approximately 600 corporate lobbyists access to the negotiating texts, but have flatly refused to tell the public what they have been proposing in our names. In fact, they don't intend to tell us what they've been working on even after the deal is signed and completed.

**The next round of negotiations in September is crucial!** The Obama administration is pushing to have as much of the negotiations completed as is possible prior to the November election. Why? Because they know that labor and progressive groups are unlikely to criticize Obama before the election and because major countries such as China and Japan are interested in joining the partnership and they will have to accept what has already been negotiated when they do so.

**This "NAFTA on steroids" trade agreement will redefine the terms of globalization in a way that harms the planet and all living things.**

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is poised to become the largest Corporate Trade Agreement in U.S. history. The massive trade and investment pact is currently being negotiated behind-closed-doors between the United States and countries throughout the Pacific Rim. TPP countries currently include the United States, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam, but the TPP is also intended as a "docking agreement" that all Pacific Rim nations will join over time.

**Powerful corporate interests want to use the TPP to:**

- Offshore good-paying jobs to low-wage nations and undercut working conditions globally
- Create new tools for attacking environmental and consumer safety standards
- Expand the deregulation of banks, hedge funds and insurance companies
- Further concentrate global food supplies, displacing family farmers and subjecting consumers to wild price fluctuation
- Institute longer patents that restrict access to affordable, generic medications

Approximately 600 corporate lobbyists have been given access to the TPP negotiating texts. A handful of civil society groups also have access to the texts, but they are vastly outnumbered and are legally prevented from sharing what they've read. Meanwhile, the people whose lives will be affected by the TPP have been barred from even reviewing what negotiators have proposed in our names.

The 14<sup>th</sup> major round of TPP negotiations — and perhaps one of the last — is taking place in Leesburg, VA from Sept 6-15.

**WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LET THIS MASSIVE PACT  
CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD IN THE SHADOWS!**