

Congressman Meeks: Stop Pushing Trade Agreements that Endanger Our Jobs and Environment! Don't Fast Track TPP!

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151 Congressional Democrats have signed a letter, opposing President Obama's intent to use a process called Fast Track to ramrod TPP through Congress with limited debate and no amendments. The 151 are standing with workers, consumers, and environmentalists. 27 Republicans have also signed letters to try to stop Fast Track (including Republican Congressman Grimm). The only Democratic Reps from New York who have not signed the letter are Rep. Crowley, Rangel and Meeks. (Rep. Rangel joined a letter by other Congressional Ways & Means Committee members). By contrast, Rep. Meeks formed a “Friends of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Caucus.” Since 2005, Meeks has voted for free trade agreements (FTAs) with the Dominican Republic and Central America, Oman, Peru, South Korea, Colombia, and Panama, despite opposition by environmentalists, labor unions, human rights advocates, AIDS activists, consumer advocates, and other public interest groups. Unfortunately, Meeks' top donors include companies like Fed Ex, AT&T, and Goldman Sachs that are lobbying in support of these trade deals.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Contact Rep. Meeks' Chief of Staff Sophia Lafargue at (202) 225-3461 and tell her that you are outraged that Rep. Meeks is selling out workers and the environment to help his campaign donors get richer. Tell her you want Rep. Meeks to quit the Friends of TPP Task Force and to publicly commit to voting against Fast Track. If you live in Meeks' district, be sure to let Ms. Lafargue know and supply your address. Also email her at sophia.lafargue@mail.house.gov.

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