

# TPP: *A Corporate Attack on Communities of Color!*



## RALLY AS TPP NEGOTIATIONS COME TO NEW YORK CITY!

**DATE:** Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**TIME:** Noon

**LOCATION:** Times Square Sheraton, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave between 52<sup>nd</sup> & 53<sup>rd</sup>

**DIRECTIONS:** N, Q, or R to 49<sup>th</sup> St. or 1, C, or E to 50<sup>th</sup> St.

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## What Is TPP?

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a free trade agreement being negotiated between the US and the governments of 11 other nations, is poised to become the largest trade deal in U.S. history. Billionaires and big business will benefit from the agreement, but for working people, TPP will mean lost jobs and lower wages. Communities of color will be hit the hardest!

## How Will TPP Affect Communities of Color?

**LOST JOBS FOR BLACK WORKERS** African American middle class union-wage jobs in the manufacturing industry and in public employment will be destroyed by TPP — which frees large corporations to ship jobs around the globe to wherever workers are the most exploited. Good-paying manufacturing jobs will be shipped overseas; middle-class families lose their livelihoods; there is a ripple effect of less business going to local small businesses as their customers become unemployed; there's also both less revenue in the form of taxes and fees for public services, leading to additional public sector layoffs; simultaneously, there is an increased demand for underfunded public services; and all this exerts a downward pressure on wages and benefits across the board.

**GLOBAL SOUTH JOB LOSS** The TPP's race-to-the-bottom will affect people in countries that aren't even party to the TPP. One study predicts 100,000 textile job losses across Central American countries — and many see the TPP as a deliberate strategy for undercutting wages and worker movements in China.

**MORE FORCED MIGRATION** The North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was a major driver of forced migration from Mexico to the United States, as rural Mexican families were forced almost-overnight into impossibly competing with a flood of imports of taxpayer-subsidized corn, wheat and soy from the United States. The TPP will spread this phenomenon to new countries, and in furthering the global race-to-the-bottom in wages, is likely to cause additional offshoring of jobs not just from the U.S. but throughout the Americas.

**OTHER IMPACTS** TPP will have disproportionate impacts the TPP is likely to have on communities of color in the U.S. and globally in terms of environmental justice, indigenous sovereignty, consumer safety, medicine prices and other areas.

## What You Can Do

Call your US Representative and urge her to vote NO on Fast Track trade authority, which will help rush TPP through Congress. Find your Representative's name and contact info at <http://tradejustice.net/leg>.

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