

# NO TO TPP:

## Protect Our Jobs, Health, Economy, Environment, and Democracy

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_, Senator \_\_\_\_\_, and Representative \_\_\_\_\_:  
cc: President Barack Obama

Officials from the U.S. and eleven Pacific Rim nations – Canada, Mexico, Peru, Chile, Australia, New Zealand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, and Japan, are in intensive, closed door negotiations to sign a Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement, which may eventually expand to include every Pacific Rim nation. This pact's 20 chapters impose limits on domestic food safety, health, environmental, and other policies. The governments won't release the texts to the public, but 600 U.S. corporate "advisors", including representatives of job-offshoring corporations, global banks, agribusiness, and pharmaceutical giants, have full access. Leaked text reveal that U.S. negotiators are pushing proposals that not only replicate the worst of past damaging trade deals, but have championed outrageous new corporate-favored terms that would jack up drug prices.

\* **Job Loss** - TPP will give special benefits to firms that offshore investment and jobs. Since NAFTA and the WTO, the U.S. has lost 5 million (1 out of 4) manufacturing jobs.

\* **Ban on "Buy America"** - All firms operating in any TPP country would get equal access to U.S. procurement contracts—undermining our ability to use tax dollars to create US jobs. Specifications like "renewable/recycled" or "sweat free" and obligations for firms to meet prevailing wages can be challenged.

\* **U.S. Environmental, Health Laws Attacked** - Expansion of the "investor-state" enforcement system, which empowers corporations to use World Bank & UN tribunals to demand unlimited compensation if they think our laws limit their "expected future profits."

\* **Benefits for Banksters** - Wall Street wants to use the TPP to roll back new safeguards passed to get banks and securities firms under control and restore financial stability. Past trade pacts locked in the extreme deregulation that led to the devastating financial crisis.

\* **Higher Medicine Prices** - PhRMA would get extreme new privileges that would jack up prices and cut consumers' access to life-saving medicines. This is not only patent extensions and data exclusivity in developing countries, but new rights to challenge decisions of cost-saving drug formularies—used here for Medicare and Medicaid.

To make matters worse, President Obama wants Congress to grant him Fast Track Authority for TPP – a procedure that would prevent our Congressional representatives from amending a single word of the text of the agreement when President Obama sends the agreement to Congress for a vote at the conclusion of the negotiations – turn Congress into little more than a rubber stamping agency for the pro-corporate, anti-public interest terms of TPP. Thus, an agreement negotiated in secret and ratified with no Congressional input beyond an up or down vote will have the power to erode public interest legislation enacted by our democratically elected officials.

### TPP is a bad deal for the United States. I urge you to:

- write an open letter to the US Trade Representative calling for the public release of TPP negotiating texts
- write an open letter to President Obama telling him that you will not vote to grant him Fast Track Authority for TPP
- follow in Rep. Alan Grayson's footsteps and request to see the negotiating texts and thereafter publicly express your commitment to vote against the Trans-Pacific Partnership if it reaches Congress.
- speak out against TPP and Fast Track with op-eds, press conferences, Dear Colleague and news releases.

Please write back to let me know where you stand on this issue.

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