

SAVE THE INTERNET!

No Fast Track for Internet-Killing Trade Agreements!

Dear Representative _____:

The United States Trade Representative is in the midst of negotiating two major trade agreements: the TPP and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, the EU-U.S. trade agreement. Both TPP and TTIP are multinational trade deals that will carry copyright and digital privacy provisions that threaten millions of users' rights. Trade agreements carry these harmful provisions because the US Trade Rep has negotiated them with no credible public consultation. Instead, these agreements uphold the one-sided concerns of corporate interests who have little concern for how these policies will impact the Internet and our digital rights. Leaked TPP negotiating documents reveal that US negotiators are pushing for the adoption of copyright measures far more restrictive than currently required by international treaties, including the controversial Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA). Under this TPP proposal, Internet Service Providers could be required to "police" user activity, take down internet content, and cut people off from internet access for common user-generated content. Violations could be as simple as the creation of a YouTube video with clips from other videos, even if for personal or educational purposes. Mandatory fines would be imposed for individuals' non-commercial copies of copyrighted material. So, downloading some music could be treated the same as large-scale, for-profit copyright violations. Innovation would be stifled as the creation and sharing of user-generated content would face new barriers, and as monopoly copyrights would be extended. The TPP proposes to impose copyright protections for a minimum of 120 years for corporate-created content. Breaking digital locks for legit purposes, such as using Linux, could subject users to mandatory fines. Blind and deaf people also would be harmed by this overreach, as digital locks can block access to audio-supported content and closed captioning.

I urge you to:

- demand that TPP negotiating texts be released to the public so that the media and civil society groups can review and offer input on the implications of the negotiating texts.
- oppose any legislation – whether called “Fast Track”, “Smart Track” or anything else -- that would prevent members from amending these agreements to remove provisions that limit internet freedom.
- pledge to vote against TPP and TTIP if they contain the kind of anti-internet provisions in their final form that were revealed in the leaked negotiating texts.

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