September 17 NYC

2nd Anniversary of Occupy Wall Street

No Fast Track for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) - NAFTA on Steroids!
Money Out of Politics! * Global Solidarity!

8AM Money Wars Street Theater Performers Gather for Morning March
performers gather at 8:00AM at Thames Street and Trinity Place (all are welcome to join the performance.)

8:30AM: March Against TPP in the Financial District from Zuccotti Park w/ Money Wars Street Puppets (People's Puppets gather at 8AM in Zuccotti Park. Money Warz performers gather at 8:00AM at Thames Street and Trinity Place

11AM: March Against TPP to Washington Square from Zuccotti Park

12 Noon: Rally in Washington Square Park on TPP, Global Solidarity & Money Out of Politics
Speakers: Alisa Simmons (Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch), Malú Huacuja del Toro (Occupy Wall Street, Zapatista Solidarity Activist), Carlos Bernales (Peruvians in Action New York), Pete Dolack (Systemic Disorder, OWS TradeJustice), Adam Weissman (Global Justice for Animals and the Environment), Bill Weinberg (World War 4 Report), Andy Smith (Robin Hood Tax), Michael Basillas (March Against Monsanto), Nick Maccarone (Oxfam Action Corps NYC), and more!

2PM: Money Warz Street Theater in Times Sq (Broadway & 45th Street) TPP Corporate Creeps Tour - Fox News, Phillip Morris, Pfizer, Novartis, and more!

ADDITIONAL S17 EVENTS

8AM People's Puppets gather at 8AM in Zuccotti Park.

8AM Solidarity Action in Support of Fast Food Workers @ McDonalds (across the street from Zuccotti Park) – Organized by OWS Labor Outreach Committee

10AM: Occuevolve Press Event in Zuccotti Park

10:15AM: OWS Alternative Banking Book Release Event in Zuccotti Park

5PM: Robin Hood Tax March – Dag Hammerskjold Park, 47th Street & 2nd Ave

6PM: Separation of Corporation & State: Money Out of Politics Event – 1 Pace Plaza


8PM: Reconnecting with the 99% in 2013-City-Wide Community Assembly – Zuccotti Park (Organized by Occuevolve)
Take to the streets on September 17th to say NO to Fast Track for TPP and TAFTA, NO to corporate money in politics, and YES to global solidarity!

On September 17th, 2011, we occupied Wall Street to resist the destructive impact of unchecked corporate power and greed on our quality of life. Two years later, the megacorporations are mounting a counterattack. Companies and organizations like Halliburton; Monsanto; the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC); Chevron; Cargill; Pfizer; Exxon Mobil; Citi; Gap, Inc; Goldman Sachs; and Wal-mart have united as the US Business Coalition for TPP to launch a stealth assault on democracy that will leave our courts and elected officials virtually powerless to reign in their greed-driven attack on the 99%.

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP: STEALTH ATTACK ON THE 99%

In closed-door meetings, the US, Japan, Mexico, Canada, Vietnam, and seven other countries are negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership, an international agreement that will make corporations more powerful than national governments and roll back generations of environmental and social progress. The public is denied access to TPP negotiating texts, but over 600 corporate advisers have full access and are using their influence to craft an agreement that will:

- create a system of global corporate governance that will supersede local, state/provincial, and national law -- allowing corporations to appeal to unelected tribunals when our laws prevent them from profiting off of damaging the environment or selling unsafe products.

- designed to prevent another financial meltdown, and empower corporations to attack financial mechanisms that reinvest in the 99%, including public banks and “Robin Hood” financial transaction taxes.

- offshore even more good-paying jobs to hyperexploitative sweatshops, reducing organized labor's negotiating power.

- disproportionately affect communities of color – forcing migration, violating indigenous rights, exacerbating environmental racism, driving unemployment, and increasing poverty.

- impose intellectual property rules that attack internet freedom and privacy, threaten free speech and limit access to lifesaving generic drugs.

- increase corporate control of our food - lowering food safety standards, eliminating bans on genetically modified Frankenfoods and dangerous livestock drugs, and globalizing industrial plantations and cruel, polluting animal factory farms while wiping out farming communities.

- endanger ecosystems, wildlife, air, water, and global climate by deregulating mining, oil, natural gas fracking, logging and agriculture.

- empower the tobacco industry to attack tobacco marketing restrictions and other tobacco regulations

MONEY OUT OF POLITICS!

TPP represents an about-face by President Obama, who as a candidate pledged to replace the NAFTA model with a US trade policy that protected workers and the environment. Unfortunately, US Business Coalition for TPP members Microsoft ($814,645), Time Warner ($442,271), and Walt Disney ($369,598) were among his top donors in 2012. The corporations who back TPP for its potential to override democracy in their interest are pushing their agenda via an out of control campaign finance system that allows corporations and the 1% to pull the strings of elected officials in both major parties. The immediate crisis of TPP illustrated the vital need for campaign finance reform.

FAST TRACK ATTACK ON CONSTITUTIONAL SEPARATION OF POWERS

Sept. 17th is also Constitution Day, the 226th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. The Constitution empowers Congress, not the President, to regulate commerce with foreign nations. President Obama is thus seeking Fast Track Trade Promotion Authority, allowing him to sign TPP without Congressional approval and then send it to Congress to be voted on after the fact under a special restricted procedure that forces a vote in 90 days, limits debate, and prevents Congress from responding to public pressure to amend the agreement's most egregious anti-public interest provisions. After TPP, President Obama intends to use Fast Track to pass TAFTA, a TPP-style agreement with Europe.

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY: ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE!

Around the world, from Turkey to Greece to Brazil people are rising up, taking to the streets to say YES to solidarity, YES to the commons, NO to corporate rule! In 1999 and 2003, social movements converged in Seattle and Cancun to shut down the World Trade Organization talks. Galvanized by protesters in the streets, WTO negotiators representing developing countries refused to cave to pro-corporate demands that would have resulted in even more desperate poverty. In the early 2000s, the Free Trade Area of the Americas, fell apart amidst massive resistance in Latin America and mass protests in Quebec City and Miami. In 2013, global popular resistance can STOP TPP and TAFTA!

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