# What people are saying about the TPP:

"The Trans-Pacific Partnership won't go into effect unless Congress approves it. I urge my colleagues to reject the TPP and stop an agreement that would tilt the playing field even more in favor of big multinational corporations and against working families."

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-MA

"In 2016, we should hope for the TPP's defeat and the beginning of a new era of trade agreements that don't reward the powerful and punish the weak."

Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Prize-Winning Economist & Professor

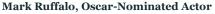




"The TPP is not progressive — it is a bad deal for working families. I will continue to work to stop the TPP and make sure that any trade deal Congress approves prioritizes the American people over corporate profits."

Rep. Keith Ellison, D-MN

"Remarkably, the TPP not only omits the word 'climate' from its text, but does not require TPP signatories to comply with their United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change commitments. This despite all TPP countries being climate convention signatories."





"The Trans-Pacific Partnership has been negotiated in secret with undemocratic countries and will cost Americans their jobs and reduce their wages."

Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-CT

#### How can you stop the TPP?



A TPP deal was signed on February 4, 2016. But, the TPP can only go into effect if the U.S. Congress approves it. That is why we must take action to demand that all of our representatives and senators in Congress announce opposition to the TPP today.

Call your member of Congress and say

No to the TPP!

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# WHAT IS THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP (TPP)?

The TPP is branded as a "free trade" deal, but in reality it contains hundreds of pages of new rights and privileges for investors and corporations. The TPP would expand and lock in corporate power, including allowing individual corporations to sue the U.S. government in corporate tribunals to enforce the new rights and privileges the TPP would grant them.



## GOVERNMENTS AND BIG CORPORATIONS

The TPP was negotiated behind closed doors for seven years between the United States and eleven countries, including notorious human rights violators such as Vietnam and Malaysia. While the public, press and Congress were locked out, 500 official U.S. trade advisors representing corporate interests shaped the deal and had access to the text.

#### WHY MUST WE STOP THE TPP?

#### If approved by Congress, the TPP will:



#### Expand corporate power over our daily lives and our governments.

Americans are furious about the growing power corporations have over government. The Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) regime at the heart of the TPP represents an audacious consolidation and formalization of corporate power. This shocking process empowers corporations to attack laws that protect our health, environment and financial stability in secretive corporate courts. Under ISDS, foreign corporations can sue the U.S. government in private tribunals run by three corporate lawyers who can order unlimited sums of taxpayer funds be handed over to the corporations because they think our laws violate the new powers that the TPP grants them.

#### Make it easier for corporations to ship jobs overseas.



The TPP includes foreign investor protections that promote the offshoring of American jobs by eliminating many of the costs and risks normally associated with moving production to a low wage country. The TPP even includes Vietnam, the low-cost offshoring alternative to China.

## Cause a pay cut for 90% of American workers.



A recent study said the TPP would spell a pay cut for 90% of all Americans, throwing U.S. workers into more direct competition with workers in Vietnam making 65 cents/hour. This would increase income inequality.

## Raise medicine prices and give expanded powers to Big Pharma corporations.



The TPP includes new monopoly rights to protect pharmaceutical firms from competition from less expensive generic medicines. This will cut off access to life-saving medicines, including to cutting-edge biologic drugs. The TPP also will prevent the government from negoti-

ating lower drug prices for programs like Medicare.

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#### Flood the U.S. markets with unsafe food.



The TPP would require the United States to import seafood, meat and poultry that does not meet our safety standards and empower agribusiness to challenge border safety inspections. The TPP includes Vietnam and Malaysia, nations that send tons of shrimp

and other seafood here, a significant portion of which are rejected as unsafe under current policies.

## Undermine critical environmental and climate policies.



In its 5,000-plus pages, the TPP does not mention the words "climate change" even once—even as countries in the world are working to combat climate change. But the TPP would forbid many of the policies we need to stop the climate crisis. Major environmental

groups – including the Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Council, Defenders of Wildlife and more – oppose the TPP.

## Tie the U.S. closer to known human rights abusers.



The TPP would include Brunei, which enacted sharia law-based policies for the stoning to death of gay people and unwed mothers. It also includes Malaysia, a nation notorious for human trafficking.