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The Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade agreement would include eleven countries to start—the U.S., Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, Vietnam, Mexico, and Canada—with the possibility of adding many more later.

Since the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the United States has lost 3.5 million manufacturing jobs, directly related to corporations relocating factories to lower-wage Mexico, and related to imports. Forty two thousand factories have closed. If the Trans-Pacific Partnership passes the U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate, the future for U.S. manufacturing workers could get much worse. Lori Wallach, Director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch has even called the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Free Trade Agreement "NAFTA on steroids!"

### NEGOTIATED IN SECRET

The thousands of pages of the proposed free trade agreement are not available to the public. The citizens of the U.S. do not have access. Yet 600 of the world's biggest corporations and banks are sitting at the table as "stakeholders" with open access to the proposed language and having direct input concerning what they want in this free trade agreement. Read on. Thankfully, some friends of labor in the U.S. Congress and Senate have leaked chunks of language of the proposed mega-agreement.

### AN ATTACK ON WORKERS RIGHTS AND OUR DEMOCRACY

John Nichols writing in The Nation described the TPP as "a stealthy policy being pressed by corporate America, a dream of the 1 percent, that in one blow could: offshore mil-

# 'NAFTA ON STEROIDS'

## Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Threatens U.S. Manufacturing Jobs—and Our Democracy

### THAT GENT SUCKING SOUND — AGAIN

lions of American jobs, free bankers from government oversight, ban 'Buy American' policies needed to create more jobs and rebuild our economy, decrease access to affordable prescription medicine (especially generic drugs) and flood the U.S. with unsafe food and products."

The Trans-Pacific Partnership would be another "race to the bottom" in wages and benefits, weakening union bargaining power in the U.S. The Citizens Trade Committee has pointed out that the TPP would make it easier for companies to shift jobs throughout the world to wherever labor is the most exploited and environmental regulations are the weakest. The TPP would also limit democracy at home and abroad by restricting our ability to put any legal restrictions on corporation's ability to make maximum profits. Corporations and foreign governments could sue cities, towns, states, and the U.S. government over our labor laws, environmental laws, laws restricting business monopolies, and U.S. regulation of banks, insurance companies, and hedge funds.

While the TPP threatens labor rights, it strengthens the so-called "investor rights" of global corporations. As Lori Wallach explains, the TPP "allows a whole set of new disputes to be removed from U.S. courts and remanded to international tribunals run by corporate trade attorneys."

### THE LAST AND WORST "FREE TRADE" DEAL

What's more, this Trans-Pacific Partnership may be the last "Free Trade" deal the U.S. government ever signs. Why? Because it contains a "docking clause," so that additional countries could join the pact later, without a vote of the U.S. Congress or Senate. Japan has expressed strong interest in joining the TPP. China is another country waiting quietly for the TPP to pass. Though US Trade Representative (and former corporate lobbyist from Atlanta) Ron Kirk wants China to join the TPP. He told Reuters News Service that he "would love nothing more."

### YOU CAN TAKE ACTION NOW TO STOP THE TPP

President Obama is frankly wrong on this trade agreement. He has abandoned his campaign promises to hold off on passing more free trade deals and is currently in favor of ratifying the Trans-Pacific Partnership "Free Trade" deal.

Call your U.S. Senator and your member of Congress. Tell them you are opposed to the Trans Pacific Partnership trade agreement.

America cannot afford a NAFTA on Steroids. American cannot afford to surrender our democratic sovereignty to greedy corporations and foreign trade review commissions and international tribunals. We cannot afford to send more U.S. manufacturing jobs overseas. Ask your representatives to vote against the passage of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement and stop this bill.

Call the U.S. Capital switchboard in Washington, DC: (202) 224-3121. Tell them where you live and ask to talk to your Congress person and U.S. Senator.