No "Fast Track" for Trans-Pacific Partnership



Right now the largest international trade deal in history – representing 792 million people and 40 percent of the world economy - is being negotiated in secret, and Congress might give it "Fast Track" approval, stripping Congress of its authority to debate or amend the content. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a trade deal among 12 nations, including the United States. It would offshore millions of American jobs and expose the U.S. to imports of unsafe food by challenging U.S. food safety rules on pesticides, labeling or

additives as "illegal trade barriers." That is, the TPP would require the U.S. to allow food imports if the exporting country claims that its safety regime is "equivalent" to our own. It would weaken our environmental standards, increase U.S. fossil fuel exports abroad, and empower corporations to attack climate policies in secret trade tribunals, requiring the U.S. Department of Energy to automatically approve all exports of fracked gas to countries in the pact. Perhaps the most threatening aspect is that corporations could undermine democratically-created laws and sue governments for millions or billions of dollars if environmental regulations, including climate policies, interfere with profits. Take action: Tell Congress to Vote "No" on Fast Track for the TPP and demand the text be made public!

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