The Truth Behind TRANSLANTIC TRADE and INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP

WHAT IS TTIP?
The United States is negotiating a massive trade deal with the European Union known as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). Much more than a standard trade agreement that simply lowers tariffs, this trade deal is about removing “trade irritants”—otherwise known as public health, food safety, environmental and other safeguards.

HOW IS TTIP BEING NEGOTIATED?
Cloaked in Secrecy:
The U.S. and the EU are holding trade talks in secrecy, behind closed doors, and refusing to share text with the public.

Dominated by Corporations:
Hundreds of corporations, including Walmart and General Electric Oil & Gas, serve as official U.S. trade advisors and are actively involved in shaping the text of TTIP—while the public is shut out of the process.

WHAT COULD TTIP DO?
Open the Floodgates for Fossil Fuel Exports and Fracking:
TTIP could lead to more natural gas and oil exports, meaning more fracking, more pipelines, and more climate-disrupting pollution on both sides of the Atlantic.

Put Corporate Rights on Steroids:
TTIP could give corporations power to challenge environmental and public interest policies—like new protections from fracking—in private trade tribunals. If TTIP includes “investor-state dispute settlement,” any of 24,000+ European corporations operating in the U.S. would be able to sue the U.S. government, and any of the 50,000+ U.S. corporations operating in Europe would be able to sue EU governments over policies that corporations allege reduce their profits.

Allow More Toxic Chemicals:
The chemical industry is manipulating TTIP to weaken European chemical safeguards and freeze progress in protecting us from toxic chemicals on both sides of the Atlantic. This would allow the chemical industry to increase trade in toxic chemicals that harm human health and the environment, and we’d see more toxic chemicals in our daily lives—in our food, cosmetics, furniture, and more.

Revise Law-making in Favor of Corporations:
TTIP could set in place a new process for introducing and approving laws and policies in the U.S. and the EU that would allow for more industry influence throughout our law-making process.

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