What is Fast Track

• Fast track, also known as Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), is a process that would rush trade deals through Congress and remove the ability of our elected officials to ensure that trade pacts protect workers, communities and the environment.

• Fast track would allow the president to send already signed trade pacts, including the secretly negotiated Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), to Congress for a straight up-or-down vote with no amendments and a maximum of 20 hours debate.

• Fast track eliminates important democratic checks and balances by delegating Congressional authority to regulate trade to the executive branch.

• Fast track legislation is expected to be introduced in early 2015 and would serve to expedite approval of climate-threatening trade deals like the TPP and TTIP.

What You can do to stop Fast track

• You can help stop fast track and stand up for fair trade by calling on your Members of Congress to oppose fast-track legislation at Congressional town halls and meetings, by contacting Members through letters and phone calls, and by writing letters to the editor and op-ed columns in local papers.

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