



April 7, 2015

Congressman Eliot L. Engel  
2161 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congressman Engel,

The United States is currently negotiating a massive trade agreement called The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) that could have disastrous consequences for public sector workers and public services that are provided by many local governments including Westchester County.

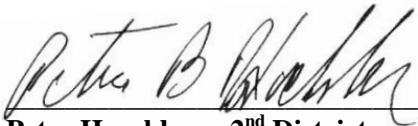
We are concerned by the lack of transparency of this process for a deal that may have enormous impact on the American workforce. Congress will soon take up fast-track authority for the huge TPP deal. Fast-track provides special rules and supersedes the normal congressional process by speeding the process up. We understand that the trade deal would have to be voted on as written with almost no debate and no ability to amend it. Important changes can't be made to TPP which enable citizens and governments to protect our jobs, environment and communities.

The TPP agreement could limit how Westchester County can regulate the services they provide. All public services would be subject to trade rules, including education, health care and transportation. The agreements would restrict the ability of governments to establish new regulations such as worker safety and consumer protection.

TPP includes a process called Investor State Dispute Settlement. Under this action, foreign corporations can directly challenge governments and receive millions in taxpayer dollars in compensation if a law or regulation might affect the corporation's expected future profits. These challenges should be heard in a transparent adjudicating process rather than a closed one. Governments and citizens should have standing to participate.

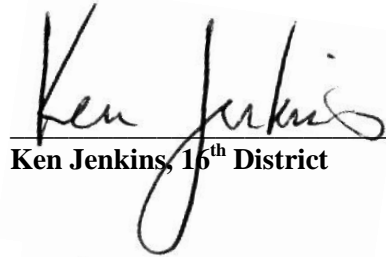
We request that you oppose fast-track for TPP and all trade deals that will have a negative impact on how the people of Westchester County choose to govern themselves.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



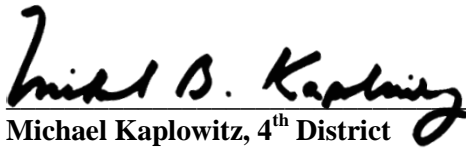
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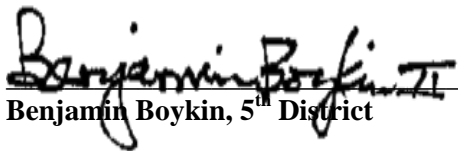
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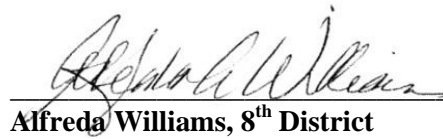
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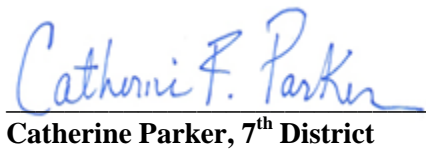
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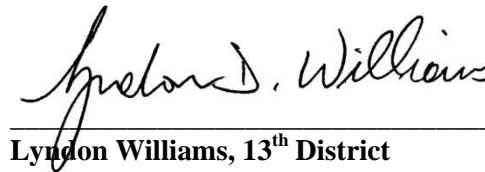
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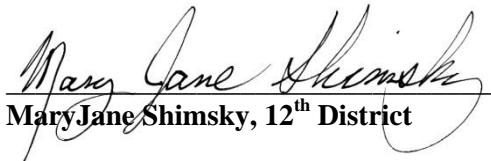
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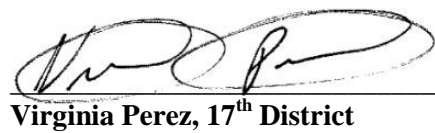
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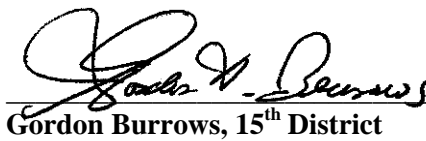
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Mary Jane Shimsky, 12<sup>th</sup> District



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Virginia Perez, 17<sup>th</sup> District



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Gordon Burrows, 15<sup>th</sup> District