

LETTER WRITING TOOLKIT

Congress is going to try to push a massive outsourcing trade bill in the next 100 days. This deal, called the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) will directly impact our ability to negotiate fair contracts this year. All jobs are tradable – especially call center work, in recent years – and this deal will move jobs to Vietnam and Malaysia.

No matter what community you live in, you have likely felt and seen the impact of outsourcing. Too many of us live near abandoned industries or have family and friends who have lost their job to exploited labor overseas. If Fast-Track authority is given for the TPP, corporate profits will go up and jobs will be moved to other countries.

Handwritten letters get the attention of Congressional offices, and have the best chance of swaying a member of Congress.

Please take a few minutes to follow the instructions included in this packet and write a letter to express your opposition to Fast-Track for the TPP. When you have completed your letter, please mail it to CWA at 501 3rd St NW, Washington, DC 20001 attn: Legislative Office

If you can collect additional letters from family or friends in your congressional district please send those along too. Once we receive all of the letters, we will hand-deliver them to the appropriate member of Congress.

We have a chance to stop this bad trade deal and save American jobs, but Congress has to hear from us—not just from corporate CEOs. Please add your voice and send your letter urging your elected representative in Congress to vote NO on Fast-Track for the TPP.

In solidarity,
Larry Cohen
CWA, President

If you need to find out who your member of Congress is, visit www.house.gov/representatives/find

SAMPLE FAST-TRACK LETTER
Save American Jobs!

DATE

Dear Congressman/Congresswoman (insert their last name here),

I am writing to you to express my strong concerns about the TPP and to ask you to vote no on Fast-Track authority for this trade deal.

(Pick at least one of the following to insert)

1. The TPP is not about trade -- it's about protecting corporate profits and allowing them to challenge any laws that get in the way of their profits, like raising the minimum wage.
2. TPP, like every other trade deal signed in the last two decades, will move U.S jobs to other countries like Vietnam, where the average wage is 75-cents an hour. We can't give away any more jobs.
3. As a Christian, I am horrified that we would enter into a trade deal with a country like Brunei, which persecutes and jails Christians for their faith.
4. As a veteran, I am particularly upset that we would enter into a trade deal with a country like Vietnam, where there is forced child labor, an average wage of 75-cents an hour and jailing of those who speak up.
5. As a retiree, I remember how bad NAFTA was for our country and am concerned about the special treatment in TPP for drug manufacturers, which will increase drug prices.
6. I saw NAFTA destroy communities and shut down plants and mills. We don't need any more of that. Please stand up for jobs here.
7. I work at a call center and my job could be moved to another country if TPP passes, just like thousands of others.
8. These trade deals are destroying this country. We need to watch out for our economy, our jobs and our communities.
9. TPP would allow corporations to challenge Buy American laws that require state and local governments to use American-made goods and services, when possible. I want my tax dollars going toward supporting U.S jobs.
10. Insert a personal sentiment about trade deals and how they have destroyed jobs in your town and sent them to other countries, or talk about how you are worried about the jobs that will be left for your children and grandchildren.

I urge you to vote NO on Fast-Track for TPP.

NAME
ADDRESS
EMAIL

COMPLETED SAMPLE LETTER

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Sincerely,
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