

Talking Points to Lobby Members of Congress Against Fast Track/TPP

- For three decades, in large part because of unfair trade deals, American workers and families have endured job losses, stagnant wages, and skyrocketing levels of income inequality.
- Given those facts, it is inexplicable why any Member of Congress could support the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) or “Fast Track” legislation that makes this unfair trade deal possible.
- For too long, our trade policies have padded the profits of big corporations while driving down wages and standards for American workers. The TPP is more of the same.
- The voices of regular Americans - from labor unions to environmental groups to civil rights organizations to consumer advocates - have been shut out of TPP negotiations.
- Meanwhile, 600 corporate lawyers are advising the U.S. Trade Representative.
- Instead of addressing these failures, the Obama administration is asking for “Fast Track” authority.
- “Fast Track” is a wholly undemocratic process that would prevent Congress from considering any pro-worker amendments to a pending trade agreement.
- This ‘take it or leave it’ approach all but guarantees that working families in America will pay a steep price if the TPP passes.
- Republican and Democratic politicians who support the TPP and “Fast Track” legislation to ram it through are ignoring the brutal truths of past trade agreements.
- It is America’s hard-working men and women, and their families, who will bear the biggest burden as jobs pay less or disappear completely.
- At a time when our elected leaders should be focusing on raising wages, creating more opportunity, and addressing income inequality, the TPP will achieve the exact opposite.
- Fast Tracking the TPP will hurt Republican, Democrat, and Independent workers. We urge every Member of Congress to oppose the TPP and “Fast Track” legislation.