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**CALL TO ACTION to stop the TPP**

***Joining together to End Corporate Rule***

**RISE UP! … Say “NO” to the TPP and “YES”**

**to local sovereignty, democracy, community rights and PEACE.**

**Fast Track passed. The TPP deal has been finalized.**

**Before Pres. Obama signs and sends the TPP to Congress for an up or down vote,**

**it’s time mobilize!**

**We have to stop the TPP in Congress.**

**HERE’S WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW!**

 **♦ CHECK OUT FALL RISING EVENTS ACROSS THE US at: http://www.flushthetpp.org/actions/**

 **From November 14 to 18, 2015, during the APEC meetings in the Philippines, thousands of people will**

 **converge on Washington, DC** to demand that the TPP, the first of these deals, be stopped and an alternative

 international economic agreement that puts people and the planet first be negotiated in a transparent and

 democratic way.

**♦ PLAN LOCAL ACTIONS & JOIN EVENTS** **being planned across the US.**

 Hold rallies and demonstrations at the Chamber of Commerce and your state’s Commerce Dept.

 Use your imagination and coordinate with other like-minded local groups.

 -- Labor groups, environmental, health, peace groups and senior citizen advocacy groups --

♦ **Organize** **YOUR COMMUNITY** to get a **TPP-Free Zone resolution** passed by your city, town or

 county council. It’s easier than you think. Learn how at [www.tppfreezones.org](http://www.tppfreezones.org).

 *This grassroots action can* ***influence your Congress members*** *to represent YOU, not corporations and*

 *to protect local sovereignty and democracy, so they can act in the public interest and for the common good.*

**♦ BIRD-DOG YOUR CONGRESSMEMBER.**

 **1.** Call to make sure where your Congressmember stands. Make an appointment with aide who

 Handles trade in the district office, take literature, go over the issues you are concerned about.

  **2.** Stage a rally outside the office, go to Town Hall meetings to ask questions.

 **3.** Go to town meetings to ask questions. And always ask for a “NO” vote on the TPP.

 **4.** Write Letters to the Editor.

 **5.** Raise this issue with Candidates in the lead up to the 2016 Election.

Find factsheets and posters at (Joan: can you post the two factsheets and two posters on separate page with titles and a link to each one so people can access and print out? )

**SAY “NO” TO ROOT CAUSES OF WAR**

♦ **LOST JOBS** - More jobs shipped to PacRim countries with atrocious human rights records,

 low pay, and lax environmental laws that harm people and the planet.

♦ **ATTACKS ON LOCAL ECONOMIES** - A globalized market-place rather than local

 sustainable energy-efficient businesses and local economies in every country to reduce

 climate impacts.

♦ **MORE DIRTY ENERGY** - Increased fracking, tar sands, and dirty coal - leading to rapid

 expansion of pipelines and ports for export to Asia.

♦ **MORE HEAT** - More CO2 = more global warming and extreme weather leading to conflict and

 migration that disproportionately impacts women and children.

♦ **MORE CONFLICT & MIGRATION** - Climate impacts and extreme weather, along with

 land-grabbing for bio-fuels and corporate agriculture that impacts food security, leads to

 conflict and migration.

♦ **LESS ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE DRUGS** – Big Pharma won. Patents will be enforced

 for another 5-8 or more years, before affordable generic drugs will be available.

**We must stop this ECONOMIC & MILITARY PIVOT to Asia.**

The TPP is Pres. Obama’s ***ECONOMIC* “PIVOT to Asia”** to counter and slow China’s economic influence across the Pacific Region, coupled with the ***MILITARY* “PIVOT to Asia”** **to reinforce American Imperialism** across the region, protect America’s corporations, and reinforce control by national militaries and autocratic leaders of their own people seeking democracy and justice.

Find more information at: (Joan: not sure how to reference Carol Urner’s short piece)

**Rise up… and say “YES”**

**to local sovereignty, democracy, community rights and PEACE.**

**Listen to a good digest of the issues on Democracy Now, October 6, 2015.**

**CONGRESSIONAL ALLIES:** Progressive Caucus Co-chairs Rep. Raul M. Grijalva (D-AZ) and Keith Ellison (D-MN) stated in a press release: ***“While details are still emerging, we are concerned the Trans-Pacific Partnership will destroy jobs and depress wages, threaten health and safety standards, harm our air, land and water, and make it harder for patients to access life-saving drugs.”***

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