

# Issue Viewpoints: TPP and TTIP

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# 450 Environmental Groups Ask Congress to Abandon TPP and Alter Transatlantic TTIP

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## Concerns About the Environmental Standards of TPP and TTIP

### Sample of Groups



### Requests in Letter



#### Extrajudicial Tribunals Warrant Rejection of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)

- The groups warned that companies may challenge U.S. environmental standards in foreign courts under both the provisions of TPP and proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).



#### Revisions to Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)

- Groups fear the current provisions would lead companies to sue the U.S. for compensation for regulatory actions that could threaten their industries.

Sources: Valerie Volcovici, "Groups Urge U.S. Congress to Reject TPP Over Environmental Concerns," Reuters, June 6, 2016; "Re: Pending Trade Deals Threaten Efforts to Keep Fossil Fuels in the Ground; More Than 450 Organizations Urge Opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership," June 6, 2016; NounProject, Anna, Creative Stall.

# Obama Administration Defends TPP and TTIP Citing Protections for Oceans, Trade Sanctions

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## What TPP and TTIP Supporters Say



TPP would **rewrite the rules of trade** to compete with China



Trade deals would **lower and eliminate** certain taxes

“[TPP] includes the **strongest environment commitments** of any trade agreement in history and upgrades NAFTA by putting fully enforceable environmental obligations at the core of the agreement.”

U.S. Trade Representative Spokesman



The U.S. has **never lost** an investor-state case



The **trade deals include environmental protections** that protect oceans and work to combat overfishing, illegal hunting, and illegal logging



Trade deals would **improve workers' rights globally**



TPP will **protect an open and free internet** and **require anti-corruption** and transparency measures

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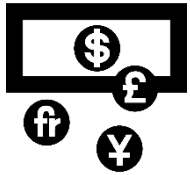
# Environmental, Labor, Trade Groups Oppose TPP Over Jobs, Health, and Environment

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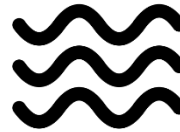
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## What TPP and TTIP Critics Say



There are **no safeguards** in TPP to **protect against currency manipulations**



Trade agreements undermine environmental protection by **increasing carbon emissions**

“The TPP and TTIP would more than double the number of fossil fuel corporations that could follow TransCanada’s example and challenge U.S. policies in private tribunals.”

450 Environmental Organizations in Letter to Congress



TPP would **cause a loss of 130,000 jobs** to Vietnam and Japan alone according to the Economic Policy Institute



Trade deals prioritizes the extent of **impact of food safety policies on trade over consumer protection**



**There is no end date for TPP** and consensus is required to make changes



Changes to intellectual property rights in TPP **will delay low-cost generic prescriptions from entering the market.**

Sources: Citizens Trade Campaign, “Over 1,500 Organizations Urge Opposition to the TPP,” January 7, 2016; Vicki Needham, “Labor, Environment Groups Call on Congress to Oppose TPP,” The Hill, May 23, 2016; Matthew Porterfield and Kevin Gallagher, “TTIP and Climate Change: Low Economic Benefits, Real Climate Risks,” International Institute for Sustainable Development, December 1, 2015; NounProject, Yugu Design, Chris Dobbins, Role Play.