

## **Resolution Against the Trans-Pacific Partnership – TPP And Its “Fast Track” In Congress**

**WHEREAS** - The Arizona Democratic Party on April 12, 2014 passed a resolution in opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement and its "Fast Track" in Congress and yet still, two years later, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is being negotiated between the United States and 12 or more Pacific Rim countries by the US Trade Representative in secret without any public consultation and that the text of the agreement is being drafted with advice from transnational corporations, which will benefit greatly from its rules;

**WHEREAS** - The Obama Administration expects Congress to approve the Trans Pacific Partnership under “Fast Track” procedural rules which forbid Congress to amend it and which require an up-or-down vote in 60 days, and the fact that “Fast Track” procedures make it impossible for our elected representatives to adequately study the Trans Pacific document presented to them in order to determine if this proposed Agreement is in the best interests of the American people;

**WHEREAS** - The leaks about the agreement have shown the TPP is shaping up to be a NAFTA-on-steroids trade agreement where we will face millions more off shored jobs, unsafe food and products flooding into our borders, bans on “Buy American” policies and possible major damage to our ecological system and future environmental problems; and according to the leaks the TPP would provide large pharmaceutical firms with new rights and powers to increase medicine prices and limit access to cheaper generic drugs, which would impact Arizona residents;

**WHEREAS** - The Investment Chapter of the TPP, which was leaked in 2012, would allow foreign corporations to sue the United States and its states over any law or regulation which could reduce their future profits, therefore potentially overruling any Arizona laws needed for the protection for our citizens, local businesses and our environment;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** - That the Arizona Democratic Party, again, strongly urges President Obama, the United States Congress, and US Trade Representative Michael Froman to NOT "Fast Track" the TPP agreement and to make public the full text of the proposed agreement and that the TPP be re-written to promote the interests of workers, protect the environment and improve the quality of life in all participating countries;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** - That the Arizona Democratic Party act quickly and urge all Arizona Democrats, elected officials, and coalition partners to adopt this resolution or one similar;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** - That a copy of this resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, to U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman, and to the entire Arizona Congressional delegation.

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