

A “No” Vote Request on Fast Track for Trans Pacific Partnerships (TPP)

Whereas, President Obama has indicated that he will request Fast Track authorization for the TPP agreement and by-pass the authority and responsibility of Congress to write trade laws, set trade policy, negotiate changes to and about trade agreements, regulate commerce with foreign nations, select which countries with which to launch negotiations and,

Whereas, negotiations for the TPP have been conducted in private, without the knowledge and input of our Congress where no member of Congress has seen the agreement provisions thereof in whole, and

Whereas, Fast Track will commence upon a yes vote and entitle Congress to only 20 hours of debate with no authority to change the terms or amend the TPP, but rather will require an immediate up or down vote at the conclusion of the 20 hours of debate, turning the TPP over to the executive branch for signature in the case of a “yes” vote,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Democratic Party of Orange County calls for a vote by the House and Senate of “No” on the Fast Track, and

Therefore Be it Further Resolved, that the Democratic Party of Orange County forward copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the House John Boehner, Senate Majority leader Harry Reid, and all California Congressional Representatives and Senators to ensure they are educated as to the adverse economic effects of TPP, especially the inhibition of job creation for fellow Americans.

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