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Congressman Steve Israel
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Dear Congressman Steve,

We call on you to oppose fast track legislation for trade deals like the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

At a time when Americans are looking for Congressional leadership, we can't afford to tie the hands of Congress on the most important trade issues of the day. I have deep concerns about the TPP and the impact it will have on the environment, climate, jobs, and increasing corporate power. A trade deal negotiated in secret demands the full attention of Congress to ensure the American people don't get a raw deal.

Leaked TPP drafts and news reports show that the trade agreement would have a big impact on our climate. The TPP would weaken our environmental standards, open the floodgates to more fracking, grease the wheels for increased LNG exports, and empower corporations to attack climate and other policies in secret trade tribunals. And it doesn't do enough to protect our oceans, fish, trees, and wildlife.

On a whole range of issues, the TPP simply falls short. We need a Congress that is fully engaged to ensure trade agreements like this reflect our values. Fast track would send the wrong message that Congress is asleep at the wheel when Americans are looking for leadership.

Respectfully,

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