

As if the last session of Congress didn't get little enough done, the first thing some members of Congress want to push for in the next is to completely abdicate their constitutional duty to make trade policy, by fast tracking the so-called Trans Pacific Partnership without a second thought.

Why should a member of Congress have to risk going to prison just to tell us what is being secretly negotiated behind our backs? Why do we have to find out only from leaked documents that they are trying to give corporations veto power over the national laws of any country on pollution, labor, privacy and everything else?

Thankfully, 151 wise and dutiful members of the House have already signed the Rosa L. DeLauro letter, 22 members have signed the Walter B. Jones letter, and 12 members have signed the John B. Larson letter, protesting this fast track proposal. This is not a partisan issue.

For the rest:

We, the people, demand that you immediately make a like commitment in writing to oppose any consideration of the terms of the Trans Pacific Partnership not conducted in the full light of day on the floors of the U.S. Congress.

In particular, we, the people, demand that members of the Senate demonstrate parallel leadership to put a majority of senators on the record in writing opposing fast track for the TPP.

Did we mention, this is an election year?