Re: Calling for Transparency in the Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Negotiations

Dear Sir or Madam:

We're here today to enlist your help requesting greater transparency and democratic policymaking from the U.S. Trade Representative.

The U.S. Trade Representative is currently negotiating an international trade and investment pact called the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) with countries throughout the Pacific Rim. The TPP is likely affect jobs, wages, agriculture, migration, the environment, access to medicine, consumer safety, banking regulations, indigenous rights, Internet freedom, government procurement and more.

A pact this far-reaching should be negotiated in the most transparent and participatory manner possible. But despite having already completed twelve major rounds of TPP negotiations, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative flatly refuses to tell the American public what it has been proposing in our names. It's as if they don't want Americans to know what's been proposed until after the negotiations are completed.

We're calling on the U.S. Trade Representative to release all TPP negotiating texts now. We believe your corporation can aid in this call, because it is one of a small handful of organizations that the U.S. Trade Representative has already provided with access to the secretive TPP negotiating texts.

Please forward this letter to the government affairs department of your corporate headquarters, urging them to join the call for the U.S. Trade Representative to release the texts of the TPP negotiations for public scrutiny.

Sincerely,