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Sample Letters to the Editor

Sample Letter 1

Next week, U.S. negotiators will be working behind closed doors in Singapore on a massive agreement called the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). It includes 11 countries, but would be open for others to join later, even China. It's been branded as a "trade agreement." But only 5 of its 29 chapters have anything to do with trade. The rest comprise a corporate wish list establishing incentives to offshore jobs, imposing limits on regulation of banks, threatening Internet freedom and even ban Buy American procurement preferences that reinvest our tax dollars locally to create jobs here. And, these new rules would be strongly enforced through international tribunals empowered to impose trade sanctions and cash fines.

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Sample Letter 2

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This is the biggest international economic pact in decades. Eleven countries are involved in the secret talks, and it's open for more to join, even China. It would expose the U.S. to corporate attacks before foreign tribunals demanding compensation in our taxdollars, simply because foreign firms don't like our laws. Will you please cover this story?

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