

Statement by Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro

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“Today’s vote was a desperate procedural ploy that did little more than move the fast track debate to the Senate, where passage is far from certain. Multiple senators who supported fast track before have already expressed concerns, both with the absence Trade Adjustment Assistance and with Senator McConnell’s unfulfilled promise of a vote on reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank. As it stands today, a path forward for this legislation is unclear.

“Fast-tracking the Trans-Pacific Partnership would depress American wages and send our jobs overseas, a fact that is equally as true now as it was yesterday. This agreement is still a bad deal for millions of Americans, which is why we need a new trade paradigm for modern trade agreements. I will continue to fight for the millions of working American families whose paychecks and livelihoods are threatened by this deal.”

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