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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### U.S., Mexican and Canadian Civil Society Groups Deliver Hundreds of Thousands of “ISDS-Out-of-NAFTA” Petitions as Fourth Round of Renegotiation Talks Starts in Washington

**WHAT: Press conference, rally, petition delivery. Members of Congress, union presidents and other civil society leaders** demand that Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) be eliminated from NAFTA during renegotiations. Trump administration officials are expected to table a proposal on the controversial NAFTA investment chapter later the same day. ISDS makes it less risky and expensive for corporations to outsource jobs and empowers them to attack domestic policies that protect public health and the environment by going before tribunals of three corporate lawyers who can order unlimited compensation be paid to the corporations by taxpayers. Participating organizations will deliver hundreds of thousands of petitions demanding NAFTA’s special protections for investors be eliminated. Civil society organizations and unions throughout North America are united in demanding ISDS be eliminated from NAFTA. Last month, a major association of small businesses sent a letter signed by more than 100 firms calling for elimination of ISDS in NAFTA.

**WHEN: Wednesday, October 11, 10:15 a.m.**  
(the first day of the fourth round of NAFTA talks)

**WHERE:** House Triangle, U.S. Capitol Building

**WHO: Speakers include:** U.S. Rep. David Cicilline (D-R.I.)  
U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.)  
U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.)  
U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.)  
U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio)  
U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee (D-Mich.)  
U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.)

**Petitions from:**

AFL-CIO  
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network  
Center for International Environmental Law  
Citizens Trade Campaign  
Corporate Accountability International  
Council of Canadians  
CREDO Action  
Communications Workers of America  
Daily Kos  
Demand Progress  
Democracy for America  
Derechos Digitales  
Food and Water Watch Action Fund  
Franciscan Action Network  
Friends of the Earth  
Global Exchange  
Good Jobs Nation  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
Interfaith Workers Justice  
International Corporate Accountability Roundtable  
International Labor Rights Forum  
Just Foreign Policy  
Leadnow  
Machinists Union  
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns  
Open Media  
Our Revolution  
People Demanding Action  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.)  
Presente Action  
Progressive Congress Action Fund  
Public Citizen GTW  
Sierra Club  
SumOfUS  
Teamsters  
Trade Justice Network (Canada)  
United Church of Christ  
United Electrical Workers

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