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Is This Another Trade Agreement That Will Hurt America?

The United States Government has entered into several trade agreements over the years with nations from around the world. However, I see the need to **focus on maintaining the jobs that we have for American workers** and insure that more jobs are created in America at all times.

The [“WTO” World Trade Organization](#) (began many years ago and was expanded in 1995)

[NAFTA, The North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement](#) (was enacted in January, 1994)

[CAFTA, Central America Free Trade Agreement](#) (was enacted in 2005)



As a result of these agreements, I have seen more businesses and industries move out of America, while we are in need of expanding jobs here in the U.S.A. I am concerned that the newest trade agreement being discussed [“The Trans-Pacific Partnership”](#) will be **another loss of jobs for American workers.**

In the last 20 years trade agreements have expanded while **America’s working age and able-bodied people lack the full and part-time jobs they need to support themselves.**

Recently, I decided to call Washington to ask questions about the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement under consideration by national elected leaders in Washington, **I was told that Trade negotiations are conducted in private** so that the parties involved can have a meaningful dialogue until they want their positions public. I was told The Trans-Pacific Partnership parties have a CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT requiring them to **share proposals only with "government officials and individuals who are part of the government’s domestic trade advisory process."** I don’t understand **why** they need a **CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT.** How do the taxpayers and American workers know in advance how an agreement of this type will affect their lives and the well-being of America?

In order to make sure NATIONAL ELECTED LEADERS know your concerns, contact them this week and **urge them not to vote for agreements** that are not in the best interest of American workers. I feel an agreement of this type should be on a NATIONAL Referendum so America's voters can make a YES or NO decision on such an important issue. [Contact your elected officials here.](#)

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