

To: Ron Kirk, US Trade Representative; Regina Benjamin, Surgeon General; Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor; Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner, FDA; Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of HHS; and President Barack Obama,

We are pleased to present you with this statement by public health officials and advocates:

"The U.S. hosts trade talks this week in Chicago with 8 Pacific Rim countries. The Administration promised a 21st Century agreement, but already the Trans Pacific Partnership is treading on democracy, public health, and labor rights. Of the 9 countries at the table, only the U.S. will be pushing hard to undermine tobacco control laws, and to prop up high drug prices. The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) did not even announce the 2-week meeting publicly. We need public health voices on trade advisory committees, and a trade policy for the 21st century that advances public health and jobs."

Attached is a list of individuals who have added their names to this statement, as well as additional comments written by the signers.

Sincerely,
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President Obama spoke in support of labor rights yesterday; he has supported the public health prevention and health care access messages; he has succeeded in vastly improving our tarnished image throughout the world. This administration must follow through with those three successes and support fair labor practices, fair drug pricing, and tobacco control.

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The US should be taking a leadership role in improving international public health.

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Let's make the US a real world leader, not the world's bully!

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We need real consumer and public health representatives on the trade advisory committees, not just global company lawyers.

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It's time we stopped hiding in the 19th century and stepped into the 21st century with a strong stand on social justice and health - both public and personal. I'm tired of being embarrassed by our devotion to the worst excesses of oligarchy.

Alex Pirie
Somerville, MA
Sep 4, 2011

Fair trade not free trade. Murdering people for profit is what such agreements you tout amount to. Some of us consider this form of despicable behavior a form of ECONOMIC GENOCIDE.

George M Carter
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We are tired of "free-trade" agreements in which the trade is jobs - US jobs for cheap goods. With those cheap goods coming from terrible working conditions, worse environmental conditions, and the undermining of public health rights.

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The US should be a leader in public health around the world. We have the research on what is dangerous and we should not undermine other countries' health in the name of economic profit.

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I volunteer teaching Public Health concept to medical students at Chiang Mai University in Thailand. In that capacity, I am aware of the need for "less developed" nations to buy generic meds for any number of health problems that would remain untreatable if they could not use the TRIPS mechanism set by WTO. Many bilateral FTAs do not include strong TRIPS protection to the benefit of US pharmaceutical manufacturers to the detriment of people living in other than G7/8 nations. Please do NOT support any FTAs that would have an adverse effect on the health of most of this world. Thank you

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Tobacco is a health disparity issue: the poorest grow it and the poorest consume it most, die from it most, everywhere.. Efforts to reduce drug costs must be increased; countries outside USA must be models for our 21st century policy.

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We are finally getting more serious about tobacco control in the US -- we should also protect the health of people around the world!

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Undermining tobacco control laws and propping up high drug prices are indefensible actions. The US public should protest in strongest terms the stance taken by its government.

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Despite the US commitment to tobacco control, TPP would undercut other nation's ability to reduce tobacco- (and alcohol-) related problems

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Entering the 21st century means acting on the science we know to advance public health, not dragging feet to keep the failed policies of the past, ever more inappropriate.

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We should have a strong public health voice in all trade agreements that involve potential threats to health.

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Of the 9 countries at the table, only the U.S. will be pushing hard to undermine tobacco control laws, and to prop up high drug prices. This is destructive of people's health and rights.

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We need more tobacco control laws, not less. The cost of cancer is becoming astronomical.

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If the Trans Pacific Partnership contains an investor-to-state dispute resolution clause, please dispose of it.

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Support public health and social justice for all. Do not protect tobacco interests. Please make it policy to incorporate public health and environmental advocates on trade advisory committees.

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