

TPA/ TPP MYTHS AND FACTS

Myth: TPP will prevent state and local governments from having control over issues like energy development, GMO's, and other health, safety, or environmental issues.

FACT: Nothing in TPA or TPP will prevent Boulder, Fort Collins, Loveland or any other state or local government, from making any other law they find in the public interest. On a federal level, Congress retains its authority to decide public health, safety, and environmental laws for the United States.

TPA has specific language clarifying U.S. sovereignty:

SEC. 8. SOVEREIGNTY.

2 (a) UNITED STATES LAW TO PREVAIL IN EVENT OF

3 CONFLICT.—No provision of any trade agreement entered

4 into under section 3(b), nor the application of any such

5 provision to any person or circumstance, that is incon-

6 sistent with any law of the United States, any State of

7 the United States, or any locality of the United States

8 shall have effect.

FACT: In fact, during trade negotiations, the United States urges other potential trade partners to rise to our high standards; we never agree to lower our health, public safety, or environment standards.

MYTH: Corporations are given even more rights in TPP and will have the ability to sue local governments who ban fracking for loss profits.

FACT: TPA specifically outlines that corporations will be given more rights than what they already have under the U.S. Constitution.

Sec 4 Foreign investment:

20 while ensuring that foreign investors in

21 the United States are not accorded greater substantive

22 rights with respect to investment protections than

23 United States investors in the United States

Myth: Only the 600 large corporations at the table will benefit, leaving Coloradans behind.

FACT: The Administration has done extensive outreach and received tremendous input from a diverse group of stakeholders including small and large businesses, labor unions, environmental groups, and other public interest groups.

FACT: Leaders for every major environmental and labor group have had access to negotiating text through advisory committees to USTR.

FACT: all Members of Congress have access to the text during detailed briefings from the lead trade negotiators.

FACT: In Colorado, the benefits of increased trade are widely shared. Last year, 88% percent of the companies in Colorado that exported goods or services were small and medium sized businesses.

Myth: TPA gives away congress' duty to oversee foreign trade.

FACT: TPA is the primary tool for congress to clarify state their priorities in every trade agreement. Additionally, TPA allows congress to revoke TPA if their priorities are not met.

Myth: TPP will negatively affect the environment.

FACT: One of the top goals of our current trade negotiations is to set the highest environmental standards ever included in a trade agreement.

FACT: The United States has engaged other environmentally conscious nations, including Australia and New Zealand, to ensure TPP promotes improved environmental standards throughout the region.

FACT: Our TPP negotiators have put an emphasis on cracking down on the illegal trade of animals, timber, and ending over-fishing, to ensure TPP goes beyond existing international agreements.

FACT: The United States is demanding that all commitments made in TPP are fully enforceable. This means that breaking environmental