



# **Railroad Workers United**

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## **RWU Resolution in Opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership**

**Whereas** The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) aims to create a super-treaty – similar in nature to previous “free trade” agreements like NAFTA – which would jeopardize the sovereignty of the nations involved by giving that power to large corporations like Wal-Mart, Monsanto, Goldman Sachs, Pfizer, Halliburton, Philip Morris, GE, GM, UP, BNSF, CP, CN; and

**Whereas** there are currently 11 nations involved: U.S., New Zealand, Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, Peru, Singapore, Vietnam, Mexico and Canada; and

**Whereas** TPP will offshore millions of good-paying jobs to low-wage nations, undercutting working conditions globally and increasing unemployment both in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and elsewhere; and

**Whereas** TPP will expand pharmaceutical monopoly protections and institute longer patents that will decrease access to affordable medications; and

**Whereas** TPP will limit food GMO labeling and allow the import of goods that do not meet US safe standards; and

**Whereas** TPP will institute SOPA, PIPA, and CISPA-like regulations and Internet measures which restrict our right to free speech.

**Whereas** TPP will roll back Wall Street regulations, and prohibit bans on risky financial services; and

**Whereas** TPP will give multinational corporations and private investors the right to sue nations in private tribunals. These tribunals have the power to overturn environmental, labor, or any other laws that limit profit, awarding taxpayer funded damages; and

**Whereas** TPP will encourage the privatization of lands and natural resources in areas where indigenous people live; and

**Whereas** the essence of these talks is to privatize natural resources, restructure each country’s trade, labor, environmental, and finance laws; and reduce or eradicate social services to the people; and

**Whereas** the vast majority of Americans have been barred by the U.S. Trade Representative from reviewing its proposals for the massive new Trans-Pacific Free Trade Agreement, while approximately 600 corporate lobbyists have regular access to the negotiating texts as so-called “cleared advisors.”

**Whereas**, the labor movement – together with countless citizens and environmental groups - in North America is opposed to the TPP, with countless trade unions publicly opposing and condemning the TPP;

**Therefore, Be it Resolved** that Railroad Workers United join with the citizens of the U.S., Canada, Mexico and other nations in condemning the TPP; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that RWU urge its members and all railroad workers to oppose any move by the U.S. government to endorse and sign on to this treaty; and

**Be it Finally Resolved** that RWU will participate in local and regional demonstrations and other actions opposed to the TPP.

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