

# STOP the TPP



## The proposed Trans Pacific Partnership & Single Payer Health Care are incompatible

A Single Payer health care system would be universal, covering everyone. It would be affordable, in part by removing insurance companies involvement in financial relations between the health care system and the patient. A patient would not have to pay an insurance company for services provided by the health care system.

Yet the proposed Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), the secretly negotiated “free” trade agreement between the United States and 11 other Pacific Rim nations, would undermine universal access and affordability.

State-owned enterprises (SOE), which receive preferential government treatment like tax breaks or favorable regulation, would be penalized for receiving such favorable treatment under the TPP. SOE, which could include Medicare, Tricare, Medicaid and other single payer systems, would be required to disclose such preferential treatment and then provide that same preferential treatment to private corporations.

The TPP could prevent or delay the creation of single-payer systems until the corporations affected by the single-payer system are fully compensated. Such language exists in the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement and would likely be included in the TPP.

The TPP would extend the length of patents and allow “greenwashing” of medicines. Patents would be extended to 25 years. “Greenwashing” allows the extension of patents when a medicine’s form is changed (pill to gel cap, for example). Such changes in form frequently occur when the original drug is set to expire and allows the patent to be extended. Such practices increase the cost of drugs by delaying the introduction of generics.

The TPP would allow expanded use of data exclusivity. Data exclusivity would mean that the original manufacturer’s data proving a drug’s safety could not be used by a generic manufacturer, thereby increasing the cost of generics and slowing the introduction of generics into the marketplace.

The TPP is set to insure the profit making abilities of for-profit corporations at the expense of public health and would set up roadblocks to establishing single-payer universal affordable health care systems in the United States.

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