

Stand up for democracy and **STOP THESE SECRET TRADE DEALS**



Masquerading as trade treaties, TTIP, TiSA and CETA represent a massive corporate power grab.

These treaties are being negotiated in secret by the EU with the USA, Canada and a host of other countries.

If passed, these treaties threaten:

- Workers rights and safeguards
- Food standards on growth hormones in beef, GMOs and pesticide residues
- Energy policy and community renewables, and protection against toxins such as those used in fracking
- Public services such as the NHS, water and education

TTIP: Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
TiSA: Trade In Services Agreement
CETA: Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement

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All of these treaties aim to take democratic powers from governments and give huge new rights to the corporations. They will protect the profits of foreign corporations above all else, granting them a separate legal arena in which to sue our governments if they make decisions that affect corporate profits.

So, if our government raises the minimum wage it could be sued by big business for loss of profits. The same goes if our government introduces improvements to food standards, restricts cigarette sales, limits environmental pollution or increases protection for workers. These trade deals are a threat to democracy and to the ability of governments to take decisions in the public interest.

Our countries should not be run for the benefit of foreign corporations and their profits.

What you can do:

- Write to your MP, MSPs, MEPs and local councillors to voice your concerns.
- Ask your MEP to oppose CETA (the first of these deals to be voted on at the European Parliament next year). There is an online action here: globaljustice.org.uk/trade
- Write to you local paper or call a radio phone-in to explain your views.
- Join a local group to raise awareness

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