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# Stop Fast Track! Protect our Environment

America's trade policy should be a force for progress, not trade away our environmental and health standards. Yet under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), foreign corporations gained new powers to sue U.S. taxpayers for billions if our environmental laws interfere with their profits.

Already, a Canadian chemical company has sued the United States for \$1 billion in an effort to undercut an important California clean water law. Laws to protect our air, promote smart growth, or save our forests could be next on the chopping block.

Now the Bush administration wants the House of Representatives to pass "fast-track" trade legislation in order to expand NAFTA. Fast track would take away Congress's ability to amend future trade agreements, paving the way for expansion of NAFTA's corporate lawsuits. At a time when corporate misconduct is damaging our economy, Congress should demand more corporate accountability not hand out more corporate privileges.

Please call or fax your Representative and urge her or him to oppose anti-environmental fast-track trade legislation. Please act now because the House is expected to vote in the next few weeks.

To call your Representative, dial  
1-877-611-0063 or 1-202-224-3121

To send a fax, dial \_\_\_\_\_

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Print name & return address:

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
US House of Representatives

Dear Rep. \_\_\_\_\_:

America's trade policy should be a force for progress, not trade away our environmental and health standards. I urge you to oppose anti-environmental fast-track trade legislation.

Under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), foreign corporations gained new powers to sue U.S. taxpayers for billions if our environmental laws interfere with their profits. Fast-track trade legislation would make this worse by authorizing expansion of NAFTA's corporate lawsuit provisions to more countries.

Please oppose fast-track legislation. Help ensure that future trade deals are truly clean, green, and fair.

Sincerely,

**Make Trade Clean, Green & Fair**