## Re: Pending Trade Deals Threaten Efforts to Keep Fossil Fuels in the Ground; more than 450 organizations urge opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership

Dear Member of Congress,

To protect our communities and avoid disastrous levels of climate change, the U.S. must boldly act to keep fossil fuels in the ground. Recent decisions – such as protecting the Atlantic coast from offshore drilling, enacting a moratorium on new coal leasing on U.S. public lands, banning fracking in New York, and rejecting the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline – have made progress toward this critical end. Such fossil fuel restrictions must be expanded to adequately safeguard our communities and climate.

However, two pending trade deals pose major barriers to this climate imperative. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), as proposed, would empower an unprecedented number of fossil fuel corporations, including some of the world's largest polluters, to challenge U.S. policies in tribunals not accountable to any domestic legal system. There, the firms could use the trade pacts' broad foreign investor rights to demand compensation for U.S. fossil fuel restrictions. These "investor-state dispute settlement" (ISDS) cases would be decided not by judges, but by lawyers who typically represent corporations.

We strongly urge you to eliminate this threat to U.S. climate progress by committing to vote no on the TPP and asking the U.S. Trade Representative to remove from TTIP any provision that empowers corporations to challenge government policies in extrajudicial tribunals.

In January, TransCanada – the company behind the Keystone XL pipeline – illustrated that the climate threats posed by such trade deals are real. The company announced it would use the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to ask a private tribunal of three lawyers to order the U.S. government to pay more than \$15 billion – more than \$100 from every individual U.S. tax return<sup>4</sup> – as "compensation" because President Obama rejected a pipeline that threatened oil spills and increased climate disruption.<sup>5</sup>

But the TPP and TTIP would more than double the number of fossil fuel corporations that could follow TransCanada's example and challenge U.S. policies in private tribunals. Indeed, the pacts would be the first to allow the world's largest polluters – including all of the eight largest private greenhouse gas emitters outside of the U.S. – to wield this tool against U.S. climate policies. <sup>6</sup> The fossil fuel firms that would gain this right are currently fracking on our public lands, drilling for oil off our shores, building liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals on our coasts, running refineries in our cities, and operating fossil fuel pipelines and trains in nearly every region of the

country. No previous trade deal has given such broad rights to corporations with such broad interests in maintaining U.S. fossil fuel dependency.

Fossil fuel corporations are increasingly using ISDS under existing trade and investment pacts, contributing to a recent surge in cases. In fact, half of the new ISDS cases launched in 2014 targeted policies affecting oil or gas extraction, mining, or power generation. Law firms specializing in ISDS are now explicitly advising corporations, including fossil fuel firms, to see ISDS as a "tool to assist lobbying efforts to prevent" unwanted policies, as threats of costly ISDS cases can chill policy proposals. It

By empowering many more firms to launch ISDS cases against the U.S., the TPP and TTIP would pose a major threat to efforts across the country to restrict fossil fuel activities, including these:

- Fracking: The TPP and TTIP would undermine efforts in various states to restrict the dangerous practice of fracking by granting ISDS rights to more foreign fracking firms than all 56 existing U.S. trade and investment pacts combined. The threat is real a gas corporation named Lone Pine Resources is currently using NAFTA's nearly identical foreign investor rights to ask an ISDS tribunal to order compensation from Canada for a fracking moratorium in Quebec. <sup>13</sup>
- Offshore drilling: The TPP and TTIP would empower oil and gas corporations with more than 10 million acres' worth of U.S. offshore drilling leases – one out of every three leased acres – to use ISDS threats to resist offshore drilling restrictions, posing a threat to coastal communities and the climate. That is 24 times more area than that leased to firms with existing ISDS rights.<sup>14</sup>
- Oil and gas extraction on public lands: The TPP and TTIP would allow corporations with leases for oil and gas drilling on over 720,000 acres of U.S. public lands to launch ISDS cases against U.S. federal leasing restrictions, undercutting our ability to limit greenhouse gas emissions.<sup>15</sup>
- Fossil fuel pipelines: The TPP and TTIP would enable corporations that own tens of thousands of miles' worth of fossil fuel pipelines in at least 29 states to go to private tribunals and, like TransCanada, demand billions of dollars for delays or denials of dangerous pipelines.<sup>16</sup>

The TPP and TTIP's unprecedented expansion of U.S. ISDS liability would similarly threaten efforts to protect communities from fossil fuel trains, LNG terminals, refineries, and other fossil fuel hazards. <sup>17</sup>

Much of the world's remaining fossil fuel reserves are on or adjacent to Indigenous lands and territories. Unfortunately, the nation-states engaged in the TPP and TTIP agreements have not strongly defended Indigenous land rights and Indigenous peoples' right to free, prior, and

informed consent. Ultimately, such trade deals grant more rights to transnational corporations, often at the expense of Indigenous rights, undermining special protections of Indigenous lands and cultural resources. For Indigenous peoples wanting a just economic transition away from oil and gas development, these deals pose severe risks to their sovereignty and ability to self-determine their futures as nations and tribal citizens concerned about the climate, health, and environmental impacts from fossil fuels.

We strongly urge you to stand up for healthy communities, clean air and water, Indigenous peoples, property rights, and a stable climate by committing to vote no on the TPP and asking the U.S. Trade Representative to remove from TTIP any provision that empowers corporations to challenge government policies in extrajudicial tribunals.

## Sincerely,

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350 Madison ActionAid USA

350 Maine Adirondacks NY Mothers Out Front for a

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Advocates for Morris

350 Salem OR

Advocates for Snake Preservation

350 Santa Barbara

Advocates for Springfield, NY 350 Santa Cruz

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350Bellingham Alaska Applied Sciences, Inc.

350Brooklyn Alaska Climate Action Network

Alaska Inter-Tribal Council Bold Louisiana

Allegheny Defense Project Bold Nebraska

Alliance for Democracy Bold Oklahoma

Alliance for Democracy - Portland OR bottomup economy

Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Breast Cancer Action Environments

Breathe Easy Susquehanna County

Amazon Watch

Bus For Progress

Americans Against Fracking

Campaign for Renewable Energy

Angelica Foundation

Carmelite NGO

Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc.

Cascadia Wildlands

Arise for Social Justice

Catskill Citizens for Safe Energy

Arizona Interfaith Power & Light

Catskill Mountainkeeper

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Center for a Sustainable Coast

Asian Pacific Environmental Network

Center for Biological Diversity

Athens County Fracking Action Network

Center for Earth Ethics

Atlantic Energy Ltd

Center for Environmental Health

Avaaz

Center For Food Safety

Barranquilla+20
Center for Health, Environment & Justice

Battle Creek Alliance

Center for International Environmental Law

Be the Change

Center for Media and Democracy/PRWatch

Berks Gas Truth

Center for Popular Democracy

Beyond Extreme Energy (BXE)

Center for Sustinable Economy

Biofuelwatch
Center of Concern

Black Oak Wind Farm, LLC
CEO Pipe Organs/Golden Ponds Farm

Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League

Chatham Research Group
Bold Alliance

Chicago 350.org Bold Iowa Chico Peace and Justice Center ClimateMama Citizen Gas & Oil Advisory Lobby Climatetruth.org Citizens Acting for Rail Safety- Watertown, Coal River Mountain Watch Coalitions of Mutual Endeavor Citizens Against Ruining the Environment Coastal Monmouth Democratic Club Citizens Climate Lobby Coloradans Against Fracking Citizens' Climate Lobby, Marin County, CA Columban Center for Advocacy and Chapter Outreach Citizens Coal Council Columbia Divest for Climate Justice Citizens Coalition for a Safe Community Communities for a Better Environment -Citizens' Environmental Coalition Richmond Chapter Citizens for a Clean Harbor Community Research Citizens for Global Solutions Concerned Citizens of Otego NY Citizens for Sanity.Com, Inc. Conejos Clean Water Citizens Organizing Project **Conservation Congress** Citizens United for Renewable Energy Cook Inletkeeper (CURE) Cooperation Jackson Clean Air Watch CorpEthics Clean Energy Action Corporate Accountability International Clean Water for North Carolina Corporations v Democracy Issue Committee of WILPF-US Cleveland Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) Courage Campaign Climate 911 **CREDO** Climate Action Alliance of the Valley Crockett-Rodeo United to Defend the Climate Action Now Western Mass Environment Climate Change For Families **CT Progressives** Climate First! CURE (Clean Up the River Environment)

Damascus Citizens for Sustainability

Delaware Riverkeeper Network

Climate Reality - St. Louis

Climate Solutions

Democracy for America Environment, Economics and Society

Divestment Student Network

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Dogwood Alliance Environmental Action

Environmental Justice Center at Chestnut

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Dream of the Earth Environmental Justice League of RR

Dryden Resource Awareness Coalition Environmental Youth Council St Augustine

Earth Care EPIC- Environmental Protection

Earth Day Initiative Information Center

Earth Day Network Fair World Project

Earth Ethics, Inc. Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition

Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power Fairmont, MN Peace Group

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Earthjustice FLOW (For Love of Water)

Earthworks Flush The TPP

East Africa Climate Change Network FOGH (Friends of Grays Harbor)

East Bay Community Solar Project Food & Water Watch

EcoEquity Food Democarcy Now!

Eco-Justice Collaborative Food Empowerment Project

Ecology Action Centre Forest City 350

Ecology Party Florida Fossil Free American University

Eco-Poetry.org Fossil Free Northwestern

Elders Climate Action Fossil Free Penn

Encouraging Development of a Green Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice

Frack Free Colorado

Endangered Habitats League

Endangered Species Coalition Fractivist.org

Economy (EDGE)

Energy Action Coalition FreshWater Accountability Project

Energy and Policy Institute Friends of Hudson

Friends of Merrymeeting Bay Greenaction for Health and Environmental

Justice Friends of the Bitterroot

Greenbelt Climate Action Network Friends of the Earth - US

Greenpeace USA Fund for Democratic Communities

Guemes Island Environmental Trust GAIA: Global Alliance for Incinerator

Alternatives **Gulf Restoration Network** 

Gandhi Earth Keepers International Hands Across the Sand / Land

GARDEN, Inc. Harford County Climate Action

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Global Exchange Hilton Head for Peace

Good Business Association of Rochester Holy Cross International Justice Office

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Grand Riverkeeper/LEAD Agency, Inc. **Houston County Protectors** 

Grassroots Environmental Education Idle no more SF Bay

Grassroots Global Justice Alliance **Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition** 

Grays Harbor Audubon Society Indigenous Environmental Network

Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit Inspiration of Sedona

Green Delaware

Green Map System

Great Old Broads for Wilderness Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Green America

**Program** 

Institute for Policy Studies, Global Economy

Project

Green Neighbors DC InterAmerican Clean Energy Institute

Green Sanctuary Committee, CCNY, UU Interfaith Moral Action on Climate

Green Sanctuary Task Force of the UU

Interfaith Power & Light Church of Bloomington, IN

Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA)

International Forum on Globalization	Louisiana Environmental Action Network	
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement	Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper	
It's Not Garbage Coalition	Maine Fair Trade Campaign	
Justice Action Mobilization Network	Malaw National Youth Network on Climate Change	
Kauaians for a Bright Energy Future		
Kentucky Environmental Foundation	Mangrove Action Project	
Kentucky Heartwood	Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns	
Kentucky Interfaith Power & Light	Medical Mission Sisters Alliance for Justice	
Kettle Range Conservation Group	Mercy Ecology, Inc	
Kids Climate Action Network	Middlefield Neighbors	
Klamath Forest Allaince	Midwest Environmental Advocates	
Klamath Riverkeeper	Milwaukee Riverkeeper	
Kootenai Environmental Alliance	Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light	
KyotoUSA	Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG)	
Labadie Environmental Organization (LEO)	MN350	
Labor Network for Sustainability	Mobile Environmental Justice Action Coalition (MEJAC)	
League of Conservation Voters (LCV)		
League of United Latin American Citizens	Mohawk Valley Keeper	
Leave it in the Gound Initiative (LINGO)	Monroe County of NY for Bernie Sanders	
Lebanon Pipeline Awareness	Mormon Environmental Stewardship Alliance	
Lehigh Valley Gas Truth	Mothers Out Front - Rochester Bakken Oil Trains Team	
Liology Institute		
Little Village Environmental Justice	Mothers Out Front, Rochester NY	
Organization	Mountain Watershed Association	
Local Clean Energy Alliance	Movement Generation Justice & Ecology	
Long Branch Environmental Education Center	Project	
Los Alamos Study Group	Move-On.org	
	Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)	

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Russian Riverkeeper

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Slow Food USA

Safe Climate Campaign

SAFE: Southern Illinoisans Against
Fracturing Our Environment
Solutions Grassroots Project

San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society

Somerville Climate Action

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, Physicians
South East Communities Against Pollution

for Social Responsibility (SECAP)

San Juan Islanders for Safe Shipping Southwest Workers' Union

Santa Cruz Climate Action Network Stand

Santa Cruz WILPF Stewards of the Earth

Stone Quarry House **Toxics Action Center** Stop the Frack Attack Advisory Council Toxics Information Project (TIP) **StopNED Transition Express Inc** Students for a Just and Stable Future **Tri-County Watchdogs** Sullivan Area Citizens for Responsible Tri-Valley CAREs (Communities Against a **Energy Development** Radioactive Environment) SumOfUs Turtle Island Restoration Network Sunflower Alliance U.S. Climate Plan Sustainable Energy & Economy Network Unitarian Universalist Church In The Pines Sustainable Medina County Unitarian Universalist Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network (UUPLAN) Sustainable Tompkins United for Action SustainUS United Sludge Free Alliance Tar Sands Action Southern California Uranium Watch TEDX, The Endocrine Disruption Exchange Utah Interfaith Power & Light Texas Drought Project **UU Binghamton Green Sanctuary** texas environmental justice advocacy Committee services **UUCB Social Justice Committee** The Comite Civico Del Valle Vermont Interfaith Power and Light The Compression Institute Voices of St. tammany The Enviro Show VOTERS OCCUPY The Green Resource Hub of the Finger Lakes Wall of Women Colorado Wasatch Clean Air Coalition The Lands Council Washington Physicians for Social The Mad Scientists' Research Society Responsibility Thomas Merton Center Environmental Justice WCL Environmental Law Society Tikkun & The Network of Spiritual West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and **Progressives** Safe Jobs

West County Toxics Coalition

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Wild Nature Institute

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Wilderness Workshop

Wisconsin Environmental Health Network

Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN)

Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)

Women's International League fo Peace and Freedom US Section

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Monterey County Branch

Women's Voices for the Earth

World Faith Malawi

Yolo MoveOn

Youghiogheny Riverkeeper

Youth Against Debt Eastern Visayas Chapter

## **Endnotes**

<sup>1</sup> For information on the fossil fuel firms that would be empowered, see Ben Beachy, "Climate Roadblocks: Looming Trade Deals Threaten Efforts to Keep Fossil Fuels in the Ground," The Sierra Club, March 2016, <a href="http://bit.ly/climate-roadblocks">http://bit.ly/climate-roadblocks</a>. The primary source for data on foreign-owned firms doing business in the U.S. is Uniworld Online's database on foreign-owned firms, extracted September 21, 2015, <a href="https://uniworldonline.com/">https://uniworldonline.com/</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A recent review of ISDS rulings by ISDS expert Gus Van Harten finds that in 83 percent of cases, tribunals used a broad interpretation of foreign investors' right to a "minimum standard of treatment" that went "beyond the customary meaning of the minimum standard and thus enlarging foreign investors' entitlements to compensation in the face of democratic and regulatory decision-making by countries." Gus Van Harten, "Foreign Investor Protection and Climate Action: A New Price Tag for Urgent Policies," Osgoode Hall Law School Research Paper No. 66, 11:14, November 26, 2015, at 3, http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=2697555.

A recent study of ISDS cases brought under the rules of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID – the rules system used for a majority of ISDS cases) finds that 63 percent of tribunalists in existing cases have been full-time private lawyers. It also finds that 53 percent of tribunalists have served as counsel for investors in other ISDS cases brought under ICSID rules. Michael Waibel and Yanhui Wu, "Are Arbitrators Political?" University of Bonn, 2012, at 27-29, <a href="http://www.unisg.ch/~/media/internet/content/dateien/unisg/schools/seps/political%20science/pwdresearch-seminarwaibelare%20arbitrators%20political20150506.pdf">http://www.unisg.ch/~/media/internet/content/dateien/unisg/schools/seps/political%20science/pwdresearch-seminarwaibelare%20arbitrators%20political20150506.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In 2013, the latest year for which data is available, there were 147,351,299 individual income tax returns in the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, "Individual Income Tax Returns Line Item Estimates, 2013," Publication 4801, at 7, https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-soi/13inlinecount.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> TransCanada Corporation and TransCanada PipeLines Limited v. The United States of America, Notice of Intent to Submit a Claim to Arbitration under Chapter 11 of NAFTA, January 6, 2016, at paras. 8 and 61, <a href="http://www.italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/ITA%20LAW%207030.pdf">http://www.italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/ITA%20LAW%207030.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> These firms are BP, Shell, Total, BHP Billiton, Anglo American, RWE, Eni, and Rio Tinto – each of which would gain the ability to launch ISDS challenges against U.S. climate protections for the first time. Richard Heede, "Carbon Majors: Accounting for Carbon and Methane Emissions 1854-2010, Methods & Results Report," Climate

Mitigation Services, April 7, 2014, at 29, <a href="http://carbonmajors.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/MRR-9.1-Apr14R.pdf">http://carbonmajors.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/MRR-9.1-Apr14R.pdf</a>.

- <sup>7</sup> For a map of some of these fossil fuel investments, see "Climate Roadblocks: Looming Trade Deals Threaten Efforts to Keep Fossil Fuels in the Ground," The Sierra Club, March 2016, https://www.sierraclub.org/trade/mapping-isds..
- <sup>8</sup> In each of the last five years, foreign investors have launched more than 50 ISDS cases. Fewer than 50 ISDS cases were launched cumulatively before 2000, despite the fact that the ISDS system has existed since the 1960s. "Investment Policy Hub: Investment Dispute Settlement Navigator," United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, accessed February 2, 2016, http://investmentpolicyhub.unctad.org/ISDS/FilterByYear.

<sup>9</sup> "Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Review of Developments in 2014," United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, May 2015, at 4, <a href="http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/webdiaepcb2015d2">http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/webdiaepcb2015d2</a> en.pdf.

- <sup>10</sup> The quoted law firm offers this advice to all energy investors, including those investing in non-renewable "traditional sources" of energy. Matthew Coleman, et al., "Foreign Investors' Options to Deal with Regulatory Changes in the Renewable Energy Sector," Steptoe and Johnson LLP, September 23, 2014, <a href="http://www.steptoe.com/publications-9867.html">http://www.steptoe.com/publications-9867.html</a>.
- Indeed, a former high-level official in an environment-related ministry in Canada recently named ISDS threats as a primary source of "litigation risk affecting decision making." Gus Van Harten and Dayna Nadine Scott, "Investment Treaties and the Internal Vetting of Regulatory Proposals: A Case Study from Canada," Osgoode Legal Studies Research Paper No. 71, 12:15, December 7, 2015, at 6, <a href="http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=2700238">http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=2700238</a>. For other examples of how ISDS threats have chilled public interest policymaking, see "Setting the Record Straight: Debunking Ten Common Defenses of Controversial Investor-State Corporate Privileges," Public Citizen, 2015, at 8-9, <a href="http://www.citizen.org/documents/ustr-isds-response.pdf">http://www.citizen.org/documents/ustr-isds-response.pdf</a>.
- <sup>12</sup> This statistic is based on a survey of 287 firms currently engaging in extraction of unconventional U.S. onshore oil and gas reserves (e.g., shale, tight, and coalbed formations). For details, see Ben Beachy, "Climate Roadblocks: Looming Trade Deals Threaten Efforts to Keep Fossil Fuels in the Ground," The Sierra Club, March 2016, at 11 and endnote 128, <a href="http://bit.ly/climate-roadblocks">http://bit.ly/climate-roadblocks</a>.
- Lone Pine Resources Inc. v. The Government of Canada, ICSID Case No. UNCT/15/2, Notice of Arbitration, September 6, 2013, http://www.italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/italaw1596.pdf.
- Rainforest Action Network (RAN) compiled a list of firms with active offshore oil and gas leases covering more than 1,000 acres based on data from the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement's Leasing Information Data Center. The Sierra Club then calculated the acreage belonging to firms based in countries that already have ISDS-enforced pacts with the U.S. and those based in TPP or TTIP countries not currently covered by such a pact. The figures in this paragraph include partial ownership leases, for which RAN prorated the number of acres held. "Leasing Information," Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, extracted by RAN in 2015, <a href="https://www.data.bsee.gov/homepg/data">https://www.data.bsee.gov/homepg/data</a> center/leasing/leasing.asp.
- Rainforest Action Network (RAN) compiled a list of firms with oil and gas leases covering more than 10,000 acres of land from the LR2000 database of the Bureau of Land Management. The Sierra Club then calculated the acreage belonging to firms based in countries that already have ISDS-enforced pacts with the U.S. and those based in TPP or TTIP countries not currently covered by such a pact. The figures offered here on the quantity of leased land are actually an undercount, as RAN's compilation only attributes a lease with multiple proprietors to a given firm if it is the top-listed proprietor, given difficulties with the LR2000 database. "Bureau of Land Management's Land & Mineral Legacy Rehost 2000 System LR2000," U.S. Department of the Interior, extracted by RAN in 2015, <a href="http://www.blm.gov/lr2000/">http://www.blm.gov/lr2000/</a>.
- These figures are the result of an extensive survey of crude oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids, and petroleum products pipelines in the U.S. The U.S. Energy Mapping System of the U.S. Energy Information Administration, which lists 285 pipeline operators, provided the primary source. "U.S. Energy Mapping System," U.S. Energy Information Administration, accessed February 1, 2016, <a href="http://www.eia.gov/state/maps.cfm?v=Petroleum">http://www.eia.gov/state/maps.cfm?v=Petroleum</a>. For details, see Ben Beachy, "Climate Roadblocks: Looming Trade Deals Threaten Efforts to Keep Fossil Fuels in the Ground," The Sierra Club, March 2016, at 21-22 and endnote 234, <a href="http://bit.ly/climate-roadblocks">http://bit.ly/climate-roadblocks</a>.

For LNG terminals, take, for example, the Cameron LNG terminal in Louisiana. The TPP would give ISDS rights to three of the five corporate owners of the terminal: Mitsubishi Corporation, Mitsui & Co., and Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha, all based in Japan. TTIP would give ISDS rights to a fourth owner: ENGIE, based in France. For refineries and fossil fuel trains, take, for example, BP's Cherry Point oil refinery, the largest refinery in Washington. BP has invested in train tracks for oil trains entering and exiting the refinery. TTIP would give ISDS rights to BP, based in the United Kingdom. "Who We Are / Industry Partners," Cameron LNG, accessed March 18, 2016, <a href="http://cameronlng.com/industry-partners.html">http://cameronlng.com/industry-partners.html</a>. "Cherry Point, Washington," BP, accessed March 18, 2016, <a href="http://www.bp.com/en\_us/bp-us/what-we-do/refining/cherry-point.html">http://www.bp.com/en\_us/bp-us/what-we-do/refining/cherry-point.html</a>. Samantha Wohlfeil, "BP Cherry Point Oil Train Facility Gets Extra Track," The Bellingham Herald, June 9, 2015, <a href="http://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/local/article23623255.html">http://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/local/article23623255.html</a>.