

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take advantage of this short break in the Congressional schedule to let you know about some of the key issues that I have been working on over the past few months. You may have seen press coverage about an important development in our efforts to bring a major shipping port to the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal and about my efforts to block a significant trade agreement that threatens American jobs:

South Brooklyn Marine Terminal: Reducing Congestion for NYC



Rep. Nadler speaking about efforts to establish a container and shipping port along the Bay Ridge Channel in Brooklyn.

For the past thirty years, I have passionately advocated for the development of a container port in Brooklyn. Therefore, I was extremely pleased that Mayor Bill de Blasio announced his Administration's commitment to the phased development of a major deep-water container port centered at the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal earlier this summer. Cargo ships will now be able to dock directly in Brooklyn, bringing industrial jobs, transportation infrastructure, and opportunities for growth to the area.

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I fundamentally believe that an active Brooklyn container port is imperative for the economic vitality and environmental well-being of the City and region -- as well as the local community of Sunset Park -- and that it is a key element in ensuring that our port district overall retains its position of dominance on the eastern seaboard of the United States.

The port will decrease the pollution, noise, and traffic from the millions of semi-trucks which haul freight into the City. Over the next five years, these new docks will eliminate 275,000 truck trips, many through low-income neighborhoods, and will reduce CO2 emissions by an estimated ten-thousand tons. Most importantly, the development of this terminal will put our waterfront back to work and ensure that New York's ports remain a strong source of economic vitality as they have throughout history.

The Trans-Pacific Partnership: A Bad Deal for America and American Workers



Over the last several years, the Obama Administration has been negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a proposed free trade agreement between countries on the Pacific Rim, including the United States, Japan, Mexico, Vietnam, Peru, and Australia, without public input or open debate.

In June, President Obama asked the Congress to consider the final version of the TPP under so-called "fast track" procedures, which would limit Congress to only an up or down vote without the ability to change or amend the agreement. I was strongly opposed to the fast track procedures because I believe they will undermine American laws that protect workers, maintain the safety of our food supply, and safeguard the environment.

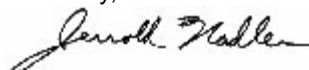
I spoke out against fast track on the House floor, voted against it, and worked with my colleagues in dozens of caucus meetings and briefings in an effort to block the trade agreement. Since there was opposition from both parties to "fast track," passage was never a certainty, and

we worked very hard using a variety of parliamentary tactics to prevent the bill from going through. In the end, the bill narrowly passed the House by a vote of 219-211. However, the debate is not over. We still have one more chance to stop TPP when the actual trade agreement comes before Congress later in the session.

Ever since NAFTA was passed in 1993, the American people have been sold the same propaganda - that free trade will boost exports and create jobs. Yet the results have always been the same: multi-national companies grow more profitable while millions of American jobs are destroyed and wages suffer at home. It's easy to see how this works. Without adequate labor, environmental, and human rights standards, our trading partners can pay their workers 30 cents per hour, make their goods cheaper by dumping waste products in the river, and murder workers who try to join a union. Boosting the bottom line with cheap foreign labor increases corporate profits but fails to improve the wages or benefits of hard-working Americans.

That is why I am opposed to the TPP and any other trade agreements that only serve to increase corporate profits while further hurting the American middle class, jeopardizing public health, and undermining human rights. I will continue to fight against this agreement which will compromise American workers and American values.

Sincerely,



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