

# National TPP Coalition Call

**TPP, TTIP, TISA: the impact of "free trade"  
on Public Banking and the USPS**

**June 28, 2015**

**7:30-9 p.m. Eastern/4:30-6 p.m. Pacific**

**Call-in#: 605-562-3140 Access Code: 951146#**



**Featuring Special Guests:**

**Katherine Isaac**

**American Postal Workers**

**Marc Armstrong**

**Campaign for Postal Banking**

**PLUS: Kathryn Johnson**

**Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch**

**on WHAT COMES NEXT!**



# Elizabeth Warren, Moderator

Director of Communications  
People Demanding Action



## WELCOME!

- Meeting Room functions
- Call norms
- Host Team introductions



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# Special TPP Campaign UPDATE:



**Kathryn Johnson**  
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# The Future of TPP:

**Fast Track has passed—what now?**

**Issues with the Customs Bill**

**The Summer Recess**

**TPP Timetable and Next Steps**

**Education**

**Planning**

**Actions**

**Partners**

# Q & A

## with Kathryn Johnson



- Please speak clearly
- Give your name and state
- Keep questions on topic
- No speeches
- One question per person, thanks!



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# SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: **Kathryn Isaac** American Postal Workers Union



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**A GRAND ALLIANCE**  
TO SAVE OUR PUBLIC POSTAL SERVICE

**THE US POSTAL SERVICE,  
TRADE AGREEMENTS, AND  
A GRAND ALLIANCE**

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# WHY THE POSTAL SERVICE MATTERS

- Enshrined in the Constitution
- Universal Service Obligation
- 30,000 + locations
- Trust and confidence of the public
- Self-supporting – no tax dollars
- Secure form of communication
- Good-paying jobs with benefits
- Vital to E-Commerce
- Supports 7.5 million private sector jobs

# PROTECTING OUR POSTAL SERVICE

## Threats to the US Postal Service:

- Service Cuts and Delays
- Closings & Consolidations
- Manufactured Financial “Crisis”
- Contracting Out
- Privatization

## A Grand Alliance is Calling for:

- Protecting Six-Day Delivery
- Restoring Service Standards
- Moratorium on Plant Closings
- New and Expanded Services and Revenue
- Lifting of the Pre-funding Requirement

# TRADE DEALS AND THE POSTAL SERVICE

“Would it be a surprise to find that the corporations have inserted provisions into TPP demanding privatization of the Postal Service, schools, roads and anything else the public currently runs?”

- Dave Johnson, Campaign for America's Future

# A GRAND ALLIANCE: NATIONAL SIGNATORIES

A. Philip Randolph Institute  
AFL-CIO  
Alliance for Retired Americans  
Amalgamated Transit Union  
American Federation of Government Employees  
American Federation of School Administrators  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Postal Workers Union and Auxiliary  
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance  
Black Women's Roundtable  
Campaign for America's Future  
Catholic Labor Network  
Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good  
Center for Community Change Action  
Center for Effective Government  
Center for Media and Democracy  
Center for Rural Affairs  
Center for Study of Responsive Law  
Coalition of Black Trade Unionists  
Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Color of Change  
Communications Workers of America  
Communities and Postal Workers United  
Congressional Hispanic Caucus

Consumer Action  
Democracy for America  
Essential Information  
Farm Aid  
Farm Labor Organizing Committee  
Gamaliel Network  
Greenpeace USA  
Healthcare-NOW!  
Hightower Lowdown  
In the Public Interest  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
Interfaith Worker Justice  
International Association of Fire Fighters  
Jewish Labor Committee  
Jobs with Justice  
Labor Campaign for Single Payer Healthcare  
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement  
Ms. Foundation for Women  
National Action Network  
National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association  
National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees  
National Association of Letter Carriers  
National Association of Postal Supervisors  
National Coalition on Black Civic Participation

National Consumers League  
National Council of Churches  
National Education Association  
National Farmers Union  
National Organization for Women  
National People's Action  
National Postal Mail Handlers Union  
National Rural Letter Carriers' Association  
New Progressive Alliance  
9to5  
People Demanding Action  
People for the American Way  
Popular Resistance  
Pride at Work  
Progressive National Baptist Convention  
Public Citizen  
Railroad Workers United  
Rainbow PUSH Coalition  
Service Employees International Union  
Sierra Club  
Social Security Works  
United For a Fair Economy  
United Students Against Sweatshops  
USAction  
VoteVets Action Fund  
Working America

# **SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:** **Mark Armstrong** **Campaign for Postal Banking**



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# Economic Justice Issues

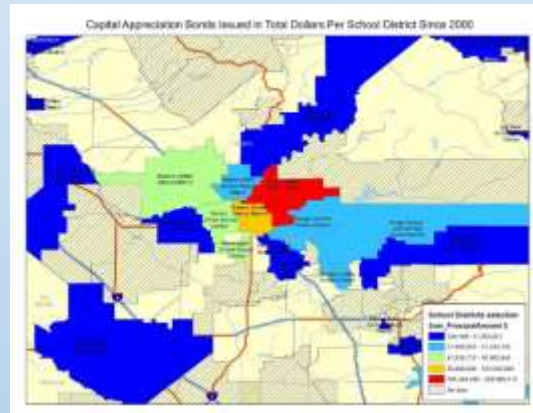
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*especially if you are underbanked*



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Your taxes underwrite Wall Street...  
*especially if you live in a city.*



**COST OF WALL STREET**  
*GIS Mapping Project*

[www.commonomicsusa.org](http://www.commonomicsusa.org)

The economy is too confusing...  
*especially if you listen to the media!*



**AMERICAN COMMONS**  
*Board Game*

[www.commonomicsusa.org/game](http://www.commonomicsusa.org/game)

# Postal Banking

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## How BIG is this Problem?

- *34 million underserved households (a quarter of American families)*
- *These households spend \$2,412/year on alternative financial services fees and interest (9.5% of their \$25,500 income)*
- *Main reason for not having a bank account: BANKING IS TOO EXPENSIVE!*
- *Overdraft fees are prohibitive*
- *Access to banks is a problem in both rural and urban areas*

## What does a bank do?

- *Provides accounts which connect to payment services (USPS already provides some of these services)*
- *Provides credit when needed*
  - *a Postal Bank would provide some retail credit*
  - *a State or City-owned Public Bank would provide commercial credit and public finance*
- *Manages risk*

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## What does the USPS Say?

- *Postal Labor Unions are for increasing financial services*
- *USPS Office of Inspector General has identified this as a revenue stream*
- *USPS Management is against postal banking*
- *Meanwhile, Sen. Warren and Sen. Sanders have championed the idea*

*The issue is one of leadership...which is lacking for many elected officials. Whom do they serve...*

- *the people by enabling public options*
- or...
- *corporate interests by enabling more revenue opportunities?*



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These trade agreements will allow a foreign corp. to sue government for providing a public option that is considered to be “unfair competition.”

Establishing public options are NOT prohibited...but give them time!

## Response

- *All the more reason to establish public options before the agreement is in effect*
- *Make postal banking a Presidential Issue in 2016*
- *Local governments can implement Dwolla-like payment services as a public option (contact me at [marc@commonomicsusa.org](mailto:marc@commonomicsusa.org) for how this would work)*



# Summary

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## How to get involved?

- Our final Postal Banking conference call is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 3pm Eastern: David C. Williams, USPS Inspector General. If you wish to participate, register at [www.commonomicsusa.org/events.htm](http://www.commonomicsusa.org/events.htm)
- Let Sen. Sanders know you support a postal bank and want him to sponsor a clean bill. Call his DC office and ask for policy person. (202) 224-5141
- Order your American Commons board game Evaluation Copy and in Sept you can influence the Inaugural Version. More info at [www.commonomicsusa.org/game](http://www.commonomicsusa.org/game)

# Q & A

## with our Guest Speakers



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**6/22 Rally and protest at Senator Nelson's office in Miami with a petition drop of 8,000 signatures opposing Fast Track and TPP. CTC, CWA, and other partners. NPR and Channel 41 covered the event.**



**Could not deliver the petitions in person as Senator Nelson's office is in a "private" building, so Deborah Dion, CTC, had to go in and get a staffer to come down and get the petition. Also, the Florida Alliance for Retired Americans held events and meetings in West Palm Beach, Orlando and Tampa.**



**CWA and other coalition partners rallied, but were not allowed inside some buildings during petition deliveries.**



**Orlando Light Brigade Family Carolina and Dave Griffith with little one and friends did emergency meeting at Nelson's Orlando office.**



Federal Plaza, Chicago  
June 23, 2015 #NoTPP

**Mara Cohen and some 50 Chicago coalition partners did a speak-out, including chanting, flyers, drumming, etc. on Tuesday, June 23. Partners included CWA, Anonymous, MoveOn, Illinois Single-Payer, Frack Free Illinois and more.**

# THANKS & WRAP UP

**NEXT CALL: September**

**Watch your email for details!**

**HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!**

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**We WILL STOP TPP!**

**Elizabeth Warren**  
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