

What is Rapid Response?

- A non-partisan, grassroots education and mobilization program
- A way for Steelworker members to stay informed of legislative issues that impact us all
- Provides a direct route to information on what is taking place in Washington and our states capitols, and what it means to us

With this information, we can act to make a difference in shaping policy that benefits workers.

This is an important program and we ask all Unit Chairs to send in their selected members contact information for the Rapid Response Committee.

Why is this committee important?

Attempts by federal legislators to push through the TPP Agreement. What is the TPP and what is the Agreement?

- TPP stands for Trans-Pacific Partnership
- This Agreement threatens to extend restrictive property laws across the globe
- This Agreement will rewrite international rules on enforcement
- This Agreement allows food imports from countries deemed “equivalent” to our own safety regime, even if they violate our food safety laws
- This Agreement can ultimately put the U.S. at risk for trade sanctions

To sum it up, these rules would effectively outsource domestic food inspection to other countries.

Attempts by state legislators to push through RTW. What is RTW and what does that mean?

- RTW stands for “Right to Work”
- This Agreement would bring to PA Workers
 - Lower Wages
 - Less Healthcare
 - Unsafe Workplaces
 - Retirement at Risk
 - Bargaining Strength in Jeopardy

RTW means unions would have to represent every eligible employee, whether they pay dues or not.

Thanks to our Unit Chairs and our Future Rapid Response Committee for their commitment to these important issues.

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