

# *Japanese Prime Minister Urges U.S. Congress to Back TPP*

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Washington, April 30 (RHC)-- Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe delivered a speech to the U.S. Congress Wednesday, pressing lawmakers to support the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal.

The TPP would encompass 40 percent of the global economy. It has faced a tidal wave of opposition from groups across the political spectrum who say it would undermine environmental and health regulations, hurt U.S. workers and grant special rights to corporations.

U.S. lawmakers are now considering whether to grant U.S. President Barack Obama fast-track authority to push the deal through Congress without any amendments allowed.

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