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Dear Mr. Ailes, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Goldston, Ms. Turness:

I am writing to express my concern about the lack of coverage on network news programs of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). The agreement would be the largest trade pact in the history of the United States. The 12 nations negotiating the agreement account for 40 percent of the world's GDP and roughly \$1.74 trillion of trade in goods and services, as of 2012. Not covering this agreement, which will determine the economic fate of millions of Americans, is a disservice to your viewers.

While the TPP is clearly newsworthy, Media Matters for America found that over the past 18 months your network and others on evening news programs "completely ignored the TPP." On cable, the same was true at CNN and Fox News. Only PBS and MSNBC have "devoted any significant coverage to the TPP since August 2013."

Given the scope of the agreement and its trade implications both domestically and globally, it is incumbent upon national networks to cover this issue of great importance to Americans.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing this important issue covered on your newscasts in the future.

Sincerely,



BERNARD SANDERS
United States Senator