



**CIEL to Testify Before US House Committee on Energy & Commerce on Health and Environmental Risks of US-EU Free Trade Agreement**

**TTIP likely to hinder important public health and safety goals related to chemicals**

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**What:** US House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, Sub-Committee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade Hearing on the US-EU Free Trade Agreement: Tipping Over the Regulatory Barriers

**When:** Wednesday, July 24 at 9:30 EST

**Where:** 2123 Rayburn Building, or streaming online: <http://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings>

Update:

- [Statement of Carroll Muffett, President and CEO, Center for international environmental law \(CIEL\), on behalf of CIEL, Friends of the Earth and Sierra Club](#)
- [Summary of Key Messages](#)
- "T" for Toxic? Seven things everyone should know about the EU-US trade negotiations (aka "TTIP" or TAFTA") and chemical regulation [[US Version](#)] [[EU Version](#)] (Tuncak) (February 2014)

*Washington, DC* – On July 24, 2013, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) President Carroll Muffett will provide expert testimony to the US House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, Sub-Committee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade hearing on the US-EU Free Trade Agreement. Mr. Muffett will address the environmental implications of removing perceived regulatory barriers to trade between the United States and the European Union through the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). Particular focus will be given to the potential implications on regulations intended to protect people and the environment from toxic chemicals.

The current system for the regulation of chemicals in the US is wholly inadequate to meet the challenge posed by the modern chemicals economy, and while TTIP could offer an opportunity to elevate regulations in both the US and the EU, experience with other trade agreements, together with the explicit intention of reducing regulatory barriers to trade, make it far more likely that TTIP will hinder important public health and safety goals related to chemicals.

To schedule an interview with Carroll Muffett or with Baskut Tuncak, staff attorney with CIEL's Environmental Health program and expert in US and international chemical regulations, please

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