

## Lori Wallach

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Lori Wallach is the director of the Rethink Trade program at American Economic Liberties Project. A 30-year veteran of international and U.S. congressional trade battles starting with the 1990s fights over NAFTA and WTO, Ms. Wallach has encyclopedic knowledge of trade pacts, policies, outcomes, and politics. She was named to “Politico’s 50” list of thinkers, doers, and visionaries transforming American politics for her leadership in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) debate.

She is an internationally recognized expert on trade with experience advocating in Congress and foreign parliaments, trade negotiations, courts, government agencies, the media, and in advocacy circles. Dubbed “the Trade Debate’s Guerrilla Warrior” in a National Journal profile, Wallach combines a lawyer’s expertise on the terms and outcomes of agreements with insight from the front lines of trade debates. Wallach’s specialty is translating arcane trade issues into accessible language. She is currently focused on digital trade issues relating to large technology firms, supply chain challenges resulting from globalization and corporate concentration, and vaccine supply and distribution limitations caused by trade agreements.

Books Wallach has written on trade include *The Rise and Fall of Fast Track Trade Authority* (2013) and *Whose Trade Organization? A Comprehensive Guide to the WTO* (2004). In 1991, she began Public Citizen’s trade program, founding its Global Trade Watch division in 1995 and directing it for 26 years. Wallach was a founder of the Citizens Trade Campaign, a coalition of civil society groups representing more than 11 million Americans, and serves on its board. Ms. Wallach is a native of Wisconsin, graduated from Wellesley College and Harvard Law School, and now spends much of her time in Washington, D.C.

*Ms. Wallach has not previously testified before the Commission.*