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## **Business Roundtable Statement on U.S.-Colombia Deal**

**Washington** – [Business Roundtable](#) today released the following statement:

“Today’s announcement that the United States and Colombia have reached an agreement on outstanding issues in their trade pact clears the way to move all pending FTAs forward. The Administration and Congress now need to agree on a plan to pass the Colombia, South Korea and Panama FTAs as soon as possible.

“American companies and workers need trade agreements that promote fairness and allow the United States to compete successfully in world markets. Pending FTAs with South Korea, Colombia and Panama will ensure these countries are held to their promises to open their markets to American goods and services. These agreements will add to the more than 38 million jobs that depend on trade.”

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