

Dear President Obama, Speaker Boehner, Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leaders McConnell and Pelosi:

As heads of companies in all sectors of the economy and throughout the United States, we urge you to act now to preserve and enhance U.S. international commercial engagement to help grow our economy and grow and sustain American jobs through the introduction and passage as soon as possible in September of the three pending trade agreements between the United States and Colombia, Panama, and Korea.

As business leaders, we know firsthand how important international trade agreements are to maintaining and enhancing the competitiveness of American companies and workers. With the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the Canada-Colombia FTA having gone into effect this summer, however, U.S. goods, services, and farm exports are losing ground every day to exports from these countries, as well as to exports from other countries that already have agreements in place with Korea, Panama and Colombia. In just the first month since the EU-Korea deal has been in place, EU exports to Korea have jumped nearly 37 percent, while U.S. exports have risen only three percent.

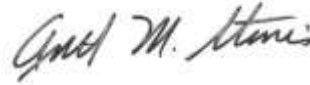
The pending trade agreements will level the playing field by giving American companies like ours and our workers enhanced and preferential access to these key growing markets in Latin America and Asia. All the agreements phase out tariffs on manufactured goods, open service markets, strengthen intellectual property and investment provisions, ensure greater transparency and regulatory due process, and include labor and environment provisions.

We believe expanding our exports is an essential part of maintaining and creating new American jobs. We also recognize that expanding trade can sometimes cause job dislocations. This is why we have a long history of supporting trade adjustment assistance, and urge Congress and the Administration to work to implement an effective and meaningful trade adjustment assistance program. By moving forward on TAA, and taking immediate, decisive action now to approve the three pending trade agreements, the Administration and Congress can help reverse America's diminishing competitiveness in key markets and boost opportunities and prosperity for American workers, farmers, and companies. There is no more time for delay. The Administration and Congress must act now to support American jobs.

Sincerely,



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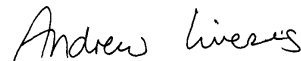
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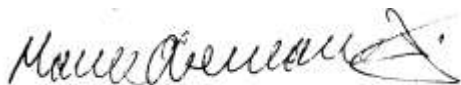
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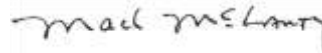
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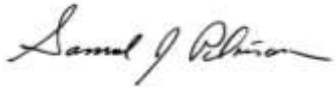
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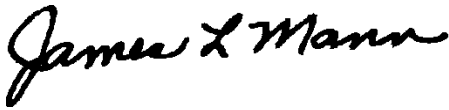
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