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## **REP. CROWLEY HAILS HOUSE APPROVAL OF PERU FTA**

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Congressman Joseph Crowley (D-NY), member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, praised the House of Representatives for approving the US-Peru Free Trade Promotion Agreement. His statement follows below.

**“Thanks to the hard-work of Chairmen Rangel and Levin, the Peru Free Trade Agreement marks a new chapter in our nation’s trade policy that represents tremendous opportunity,”** Crowley said. **“This agreement, which encourages growth for both nations in a socially and environmentally responsible way, holds great promise for the United States, particularly New York.**

**“By lifting Peru’s tariffs on US goods, New York businesses that export products from a wide array of American industries – from electronic products to chemicals to metals – will experience a boom in business between 45 and 60 percent, according to analysts.**

**“The requirements in this trade pact for Peru to treat its workers according to international labor standards will also help U.S. small and medium-sized businesses – allowing them to compete on an even playing field. In New York, this will help to create more manufacturing and plant jobs.**

**“As we’ve increased our trade abroad, unemployment in New York has fallen. Today, trade supports over 2 million jobs in the state. This agreement with Peru will build on this positive trend and will benefit the citizens of our city and state.**

**“However, passage of the US-Peru Free Trade Promotion Agreement is a first step. It is now the job of Congress to make sure that the government of Peru stays true to the terms of this forward-thinking agreement so we can ensure continued job and economic growth in America.”**