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## **New Democrats Provide Strong Backing for U.S.-Peru TPA**

### ***-House Passage Marks Beginning of a New Trade Policy for America -***

Washington, DC- Today, New Democrats provided strong backing for passage of H.R. 3688, the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act. With the support of forty-one New Democrats, the U.S.-Peru TPA agreement was passed by a vote of 285 to 132. Passage of the trade agreement was a key vote for New Democrats. Passage of forward-thinking trade policies like the Peru agreement has been a top priority for New Democrats, as outlined in the New Dem agenda for the [110<sup>th</sup> Congress](#) released last year.

The U.S.-Peru TPA marks an extraordinary advance in the way the United States trades with the rest of the world. The U.S.-Peru TPA will for the first time guarantee that core Democratic principles, including legally binding and enforceable labor and environmental standards, will be incorporated in U.S. trade policy. Passage of the U.S.-Peru FTA marks a momentous achievement for Democrats, American workers, and American businesses.

“Passage of the Peru FTA is a first step in a twenty-first century trade policy: It is an expansion of trade in a way that is solidly consistent with Democratic values,” said Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher, Chair of the New Democrat Coalition. “New Democrats are proud of the historic trade agreement we’ve achieved and we applaud Chairman Rangel and Chairman Levin for their leadership.”

New Democrats are committed to enacting policies that maintain U.S. competitiveness, meet the challenges posed by globalization in the 21st century, and strengthen our national security. For years, New Democrats have stressed the need to improve the way we engage the world on trade, recognizing the economic, strategic, and foreign policy objectives at stake with each new trade agreement. The passage of the US-Peru FTA is a realization of that goal.

*Founded in 1997, the New Democrat Coalition has built a reputation as the "go-to" group in Congress on the critical issues of economic growth, technological innovation, and national security. New Democrats are committed to enacting policies that encourage economic growth, maintain U.S. competitiveness, meet the challenges posed by globalization in the 21st century, and strengthen our standing in the world. With sixty House Members hailing from every region of the country, New Democrats are intent on modernizing the Democratic Party and the country.*