

United States Congress
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Peruvians want Florida's citrus products!

So, let's give them what they want!

Dear Colleague:

Much has been said about the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. For Florida, the bottom line is that it is a win-win our farmers and ranchers.

Exports of Florida's farm products boost Florida's agricultural community. These exports support nearly 22,000 jobs both on and off the farm in food processing, storage and transportation. Additionally, agricultural exports amounted to \$1.7 billion and contributed over \$7 billion to Florida's farm cash receipts in 2006.

By opening up Peru's market to Florida's agricultural products, the Peru Trade Promotion Agreement bolsters Florida's agricultural exports and adds millions to the state's communities. The agreement provides increased market access to Florida's agricultural exports by lowering tariffs on products entering the Peruvian market. These products include: fresh or dried grapefruit, Tahiti limes, grapefruit juice, oranges, lemons, frozen concentrated orange juice, tomatoes, beef, dairy, poultry and eggs. In addition, there will be no reductions in the U.S. over-quota duty that provides tariff protection for Florida's sugar producers.

Currently, most agricultural products from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru are given duty free access to the US. While the Florida Delegation has strongly supported the trade agreements to provide these countries access to our markets, it is important that the U.S. achieves reciprocal market access in Peru for our own farmers and ranchers. We must approve the Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

With the immediate elimination of duties on nearly 90 percent of current U.S. trade to Peru, the Peru Trade Promotion Agreement provides Florida producers and exporters access to over 28 million Peruvians. So, let's vote to ensure Peruvians can enjoy the high-quality agricultural exports Florida has to offer!

Join me and vote to support Florida's farmers and ranchers. Vote YES for the Peru Trade Promotion Agreement

Sincerely,

/s/

Kendrick B. Meek