

November 6, 2007

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker  
House of Representatives  
235 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pelosi:

The American Farm Bureau Federation urges you to support passage of the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (Peru TPA).

The Peru TPA is a key agreement in increasing U.S. agricultural trade and income for America's farmers and ranchers. Our economic analysis estimates that after full implementation of the agreement U.S. agricultural exports to Peru will increase by over \$700 million per year. The benefits of the Peru TPA are spread across all sectors of U.S. agriculture--from livestock to fiber, grains and oilseeds to fruits and vegetables. While U.S. agricultural trade to Peru is currently disadvantaged by an average tariff of 18 percent, the agreement will eliminate all tariffs on all agricultural products.

As mentioned U.S. agricultural producers face an average 18 percent tariff, but Peruvian products to the United States face no tariff barriers. Peru's free access to the U.S. agricultural market is due to Congressional passage of the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA). The ATPDEA is to the disadvantage of U.S. farmers and ranchers; it allows Peru duty free access and provides nothing for U.S. agriculture except competition. Passage of the Peru TPA would provide U.S. agriculture the same open access to Peru as it currently has in ours.

U.S. farmers and ranchers must continue to find a way to stay competitive in today's world market. The Peru TPA will provide that competitive edge for U.S. products in Peru. Your support and passage of the Peru TPA will demonstrate to U.S. farmers and ranchers that you are committed to promoting U.S. agricultural trade.

Sincerely,



Bob Stallman  
President