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CITY OF CHICAGO

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RICHARD M. DALEY  
MAYOR

The Honorable Melissa L. Bean  
United States House of Representatives  
318 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bean:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I urge you to support the free trade agreements (FTA) with Peru, Colombia, Panama and Korea.

Supporting these agreements will remove barriers to goods and services exchanged between our countries and allow for the better movement of technology, innovation and resources. These trade agreements make it easier for Peru, Colombia, Panama and Korea to purchase American goods, and it will help America benefit from the resources in each of those countries.

Chicago is a global city with a population of residents from Peru, Korea, Colombia and Panama that exceeds 50,000. Many of them came to our city for a better life, and the opportunity to succeed in a fair and open market should be reflected in the policies we have with these countries. Working with countries around the world in the context of free trade fosters good relationships, supports labor rights and promotes environmentally responsible policies.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor