

PERUVIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable John Boehner
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Reid, Minority Leaders Boehner and McConnell:

We write to introduce the newly established Peruvian American National Roundtable (PANR), a private, non-partisan, non-profit corporation seeking to bring together the different voices of all people of Peruvian origin in the United States.

PANR is a national forum for analysis, planning, and action to advance the economic, educational, legal, social, cultural, and political interests of Peruvian Americans. PANR aims to ensure for U.S. Peruvians the full exercise of the rights and freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States of America.

With those objectives in mind, PANR is committed to enriching the quality of life of Peruvian Americans in the United States by highlighting their contributions as they integrate to the larger American society.

As we approach Peruvian Independence Day on July 28th, we are writing to urge you to begin congressional action on the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (PTPA) in July. We believe that Hispanic Americans, especially Hispanic American businesses, have an advantage when seeking commercial opportunities with this hemisphere. This landmark agreement is critical to the development of a mature partnership with this important South American country. Following are several reasons we believe you should support PTPA:

- Trade with Peru is already bringing benefits to the U.S. economy. U.S. trade with Peru has doubled over the past three years, reaching \$8.8 billion in 2006. This sum eclipses the total flow of trade covered by all our Middle Eastern and North African FTAs, which won overwhelming bipartisan support in the Congress. Trade and investment with Peru already sustains thousands of U.S. jobs.

- The agreement will bring reciprocity to U.S.-Peru trade. To foster democracy and development in the Andean region, the United States unilaterally opened its markets to most imports from Peru and its neighbors through the 1991 Andean Trade Preference Act, which was recently extended with overwhelming bipartisan support. As a result, 99% of Peruvian exports enter the United States duty free. By contrast, the World Bank reports that U.S. exports to Peru face an average weighted tariff of 9%. Upon implementation, PTPA will fix this imbalance by immediately eliminating tariffs on 80% of U.S. consumer and industrial products and more than two-thirds of current U.S. farm exports to Peru.
- PTPA is a helping hand for our friends, allies, and neighbors. The agreement will enhance U.S. efforts to strengthen democracy in the Andean region and lend support for the rule of law, internationally recognized workers' rights, and transparency and accountability in business and government. PTPA will promote economic growth in Peru, stabilizing its economy and providing its citizens with long-term alternatives to narcotics trafficking or illegal immigration.

As Hispanics, we want to see more opportunities being created by Hispanics and for other Hispanics. The passage of this agreement would provide tremendous opportunities for these businesses and contribute to the continued growth and success of Hispanics in the United States. We care strongly about eradicating poverty by creating economic growth as well as a stable and prosperous Western Hemisphere. Support of the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement is an important step in this direction.

Sincerely,

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