



December 3, 2007

United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the nation's largest industrial trade association representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, I urge you to support H.R. 3688, the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act.

The U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement represents new opportunities – for American companies and their workers and families, for a growing U.S. economy, and for new and better jobs in the high-paying manufacturing sector. Trade agreements bolster our economy through increased exports and wider consumer choices at lower prices.

The Peru agreement would level the playing field for American exporters by eliminating nearly all of Peru's tariffs (12 percent on average) on U.S. goods. It would increase protection of American investments, strengthen U.S. intellectual property rights, reduce non-tariff and regulatory barriers and require more transparency from the Peruvian government. The International Trade Commission has concluded that every state and every industry sector of our economy would benefit from passage of the agreement.

The legislation also represents the first test of the May 2007 bipartisan trade policy agreement that calls for enforceable core labor and environmental provisions. The NAM believes the new language on enforceable labor and environmental provisions strengthens this agreement and addresses concerns expressed by Members of Congress on the relationship of trade with labor and environmental issues.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 3688 will be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 110th Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Timmons", written in a cursive style.

Jay Timmons  
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and Government Relations