

July 31, 2015

The Honorable Michael Froman
United States Trade Representative
600 17th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Ambassador Froman:

Businesses across the United States are looking to ensure that U.S. negotiators bring home a comprehensive, market-opening and high-standard Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) consistent with the core tenets of U.S. law. As pressures mount in the coming hours to forge a deal, it is critical that the U.S. and its TPP partners continue to aim for ambitious outcomes, not the lowest common denominator, when it comes to market access and core standards.

In particular, it is imperative that all parties recognize that carving out particular products or sectors from core provisions is not a recipe for a successful TPP or for future trade agreements. To produce a strong agreement that will propel economic growth and prosperity, the high standards that the TPP should put in place to protect property and innovation and promote the rule of law should be ones that are applied without discrimination.

Respectfully,

American Farm Bureau Federation
Emergency Committee for American Trade
National Association of Manufacturers
National Foreign Trade Council
United States Council for International Business