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Members of the Kansas Congressional Delegation:

Kansas' economy simply cannot wait any longer for Congress to take action on the several trade agreements awaiting action. Effectuating any one of these agreements will positively impact every sector in Kansas. Each agreement would greatly expand market access for our farmers, manufacturers, service providers, media companies and financial services firms.

Take Korea as an example. The nation is already an important export market for Kansas goods and services. In 2006, Korea was Kansas' 11th largest export market for goods, with exports totaling \$170 million. Since 2001, Kansas' exports to Korea of computers and electronics, chemicals, and transportation equipment have all more than tripled. The KORUS FTA will eliminate 95% of all Korean consumer and industrial product duties within 3 years, including Kansas' leading exports to Korea: processed foods, computers and electronics.

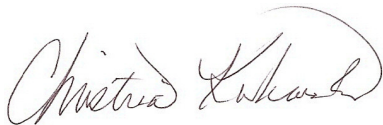
Additionally Korea is the 6th largest importer of American agricultural products. The Agreement will immediately eliminate tariffs on wheat and corn feed, of which Kansas is the number one U.S. exporter. In addition, KORUS FTA will provide greater access to the Korean market for other leading Kansas exports such as soybeans, beef, and pork products.

The Colombia FTA offers another example. Colombia already enjoys virtually duty-free access to US markets that result from the Andean Trade Preference Act which was renewed by Congress this February. This agreement would level the playing field, eliminating tariffs on US imports to Colombia over the next several years eventually adding approximately \$900 million in annual exports of US agricultural products alone.

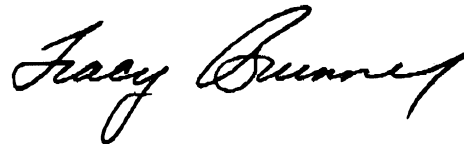
Labor also stands to benefit from these agreements with workers in both nations seeing higher standards of living and better wages as a result of increased trade opportunities. Each of the pending agreements contains provisions to ensure that our partners are progressing toward acceptable and appropriate standards for their workers.

These agreements in addition to the potential agreement with Panama represent the most commercially significant U.S. trade opportunity in 15 years. They will bring real benefits for Kansas' workers, farmers and businesses and help maintain America's leadership position in an increasingly competitive global environment. We urge you to work to obtain passage of each of these historic and commercially significant agreements before year's end.

Sincerely,



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