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Mr. Michael Froman
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Dear Mr. Froman:

The leaders of the G-20 countries declared after their summit in London in April that "reinvigorating world trade and investment is essential for restoring global growth." They also pledged to take all steps possible to promote and facilitate trade and investment.

With many economies now starting to show signs of recovery and global market confidence improving, it is crucial that the United States and other members of the G-20 take concrete actions to sustain this and encourage new job creation by expanding global trade and investment. The upcoming G-20 Summit in Pittsburgh represents an important opportunity to do this.

As co-chairs of the U.S.-Korea FTA Business Coalition, we urge that the administration use the opportunity provided by the G-20 Summit to consider the potential role of implementation of the U.S.-Korea free trade agreement in supporting U.S. and global economic recovery. By boosting U.S. exports to and investment opportunities in one of the most important markets for U.S. farmers, manufacturers, and services providers, the U.S.-Korea FTA will support the creation of new American jobs.

We ask that the administration use this summit to discuss with its Korean counterparts the path forward for ratification of the U.S.-Korea FTA. With Korea chairing the G-20 in 2010, it is critical that the United States work in close coordination with the Korean government to chart the course forward for global economic recovery. Ratification and implementation of the FTA will send a powerful signal to the world that market opening, not protectionism, is the solution to restoring growth and creating jobs.

We hope for successful meetings in Pittsburgh and stand ready to assist you in any way we can to advance the administration's economic recovery agenda for the United States and the global economy.

Sincerely,

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