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TO MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

The undersigned companies and business organizations applaud the recent decision by the Bush Administration and the Korean government to launch free trade agreement negotiations between the United States and the Republic of Korea, and have established a U.S.-Korea FTA Business Coalition in support of these negotiations.

The Coalition fully recognizes the potential benefits that can flow to U.S. businesses, investors, and consumers if a comprehensive and commercially viable agreement is reached between the United States and Korea. Korea is the world's tenth-largest economy, and the United States' seventh-largest trading partner in terms of two-way trade and sixth-largest market for U.S. agricultural goods. The United States is Korea's second-largest trading partner and its largest source of foreign direct investment. As a result, this will be the most commercially significant free trade agreement the United States has entered into in fifteen years. This provides a solid platform on which to negotiate an agreement that excludes no product, service, or sector, that could be expected to bring tangible economic benefits to both nations.

The Coalition welcomes the opportunity to work with you and other Members of Congress to ensure that the interests of all U.S. businesses, investors, and consumers are advanced in these negotiations. A successful FTA will strengthen our already vibrant bilateral economic relationship with Korea and create new opportunities for economic growth and job creation in both countries. Moreover, it will also serve to reinforce our critical alliance with one of our most important international partners, thus reaffirming our nation's commitment to ensuring peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula and in Asia.

Again, the members of the Coalition look forward to working together with you in support of the successful conclusion of an FTA with Korea.

Sincerely,  
U.S.-Korea FTA Business Coalition

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