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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The undersigned members of the U.S.-Korea FTA Business Coalition write to begin the process of consultation with the Congress on the recently completed U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The members of the Coalition, a broad-based and cross-sectoral group of American companies, business organizations, and trade associations, worked with the Congress and U.S. negotiators to achieve the successful conclusion of the negotiations.

Korea is a very substantial market for the United States, with U.S. goods exports to Korea totaling \$32.5 billion in 2006 and U.S. cross-border services exports to Korea reaching \$10.2 billion in 2005. The United States is the largest source of foreign direct investment in Korea, and it is Korea's second-largest market. While we look forward to reviewing the text of the agreement once it becomes available, we have been briefed on its substance and believe that the agreement achieves most of the business community's key objectives.

The U.S.-Korea FTA will greatly expand market access in Korea for U.S. farmers, manufacturers, service providers, and financial services firms. Under the FTA, more than half of current U.S. agricultural exports to Korea—with a value of \$1.6 billion—will become duty-free immediately. Almost 95 percent of all bilateral trade in consumer and industrial products will become duty-free within three years under the agreement, and virtually all remaining tariffs on consumer and industrial goods will be eliminated in ten years. Moreover, this agreement will eliminate significant non-tariff market access barriers in Korea to U.S. goods, services, and investment. Consumers in both countries stand to gain from the broad benefits of this agreement.

This agreement includes robust provisions on transparency, intellectual property rights, competition, investment, and other rules, particularly in the area of services, that will protect U.S. interests. It also has important implications beyond bilateral trade and investment. By giving U.S. exporters and investors a preferential position in the world's tenth-largest economy, an FTA with Korea will enhance U.S. businesses' ability to compete in the dynamic Northeast Asia regional economy. From a strategic vantage point, the FTA will reinforce the critical partnership and alliance between our two countries.

The reopening of Korea's market to U.S. beef imports remains an outstanding issue for Coalition members. We urge Korea to reopen its market to U.S. beef consistent with the World

Organization for Animal Health (OIE) guidelines so that this agreement can move forward. In that regard, we welcome the Korean government's public commitment to uphold the recommendations of the OIE, and we strongly urge Korea to move immediately upon the OIE decision.

The U.S.-Korea FTA stands to bring real benefits for U.S. workers and businesses, and will promote our two countries' economic leadership in the region by demonstrating that America is ready to embrace new opportunities in an increasingly competitive global environment. The members of the Coalition look forward to working with you to obtain passage of this historic agreement, and then with the Administration to ensure Korea's full and faithful implementation of all of the commitments contained in it.

Sincerely,

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U.S.-Korea Business Council

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