Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 1, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to you as new and returning Republican Members of the House of Representatives who strongly believe that expanding trade will increase economic growth and create jobs here in the U.S. We stand ready to work with you to ensure that new opportunities are created for our farmers, manufacturers, service providers and workers by passing the three pending free trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea within the next six months.

You have set a goal of doubling U.S. exports by 2014. We applaud this initiative because we know that deepening economic ties with our trading partners will create badly needed jobs for Americans. We believe that achieving the goal of doubling exports will require the implementation of these agreements. Our three pending agreements have languished, while our partners have aggressively pursued negotiations that exclude the U.S. and put American workers at a competitive disadvantage. The time has come to put rhetoric into action.

We are committed to working with you to develop a comprehensive trade agenda. We believe the first step in that process is to move forward on our agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea without delay. Our economy and our job market cannot afford anything less than swift and decisive action.

Sincerely,

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