

Committee on Ways and Means

TPA CONFERENCE AGREEMENT INCLUDES STRONG INVESTOR PROTECTIONS WHILE ADDRESSING LEGITIMATE CONCERNS

- Includes principal negotiating objectives to reduce or eliminate artificial or trade-distorting barriers to foreign investment and to secure for investors important rights comparable to those that would be available under United States legal principles and practice
- Ensures that foreign investors in the United States are not accorded greater substantive rights with respect to investment protections than United States investors in the United States
- Includes principle negotiating objective to seek to establish standards for fair and equitable treatment consistent with United States legal principles and practice, including the principle of due process
- Includes mechanisms to eliminate frivolous claims and to deter the filing of frivolous claims
- Includes procedures to enhance opportunities for public input into the formulation of government positions
- Provides for an appellate body or similar mechanism to provide coherence to the interpretations of investment provisions in trade agreements