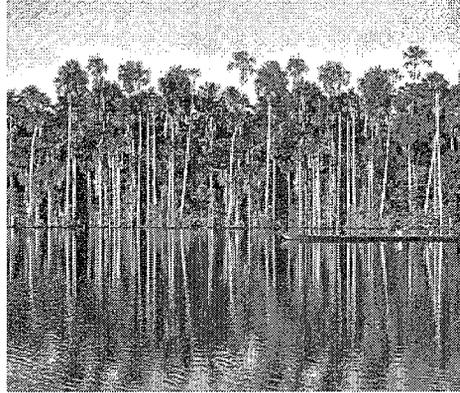


Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

**The Peru Trade Agreement:  
A Needed Tool to Protect the Amazon**



Dear Democratic Colleague,

Recently, you may have received a "Dear Colleague" letter about the Peru Trade Agreement and the environment that contained some factual inaccuracies. Contrary to what you may have read, the **Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth do not oppose the Peru Trade Agreement**. Neither does the Natural Resources Defense Council, Defenders of Wildlife, Center for International Environmental Law, Earthjustice, Environmental Investigation Agency, the Nature Conservancy, or World Wildlife Fund. Rather, we and other Members of Congress worked side by side with them to craft the strongest pro-environment trade agreement ever.

In fact, passing this agreement will give the U.S. and environmental advocates new tools to protect the Peru's precious Amazonian ecosystem.

For example, a proposal was recently debated in the Peruvian Ministers' Council to open up 209,000 hectares of the Bahuaja Sonene National Park to oil and gas exploration. Only after concerns were raised that this proposal would violate the Peru Trade Agreement's ban on weakening a country's environmental protections was the proposal abandoned. **Without the threat of action under the Peru Trade Agreement, this environmental treasure would have been lost.**

We urge you to support the Peru Trade Agreement and provide the strongest set of tools yet in the fight to preserve Peru's unique natural heritage.

Sincerely,

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Earl Blumenauer  
Member of Congress

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Allyson Schwartz  
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