



February 8, 2011

Dave Camp, Chairman
House Ways and Means Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Camp:

Exporting is a vital component of the American economy. Today, 95% of potential buyers and 75% of the world's commerce is outside the USA. We must level the playing field in order to help American companies compete in the global marketplace.

Exporting means jobs for Americans. That's why the National District Export Council Inc. supports the passage of Free Trade Agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea as a path to success for the U.S. economy. The National District Export Council is part of a nationwide network of 60 District Export Councils comprised of more than 1500 volunteers.

Passage of these free trade agreements will help stabilize our economy with increased exports and high-paying jobs. Exporting at these levels will require export control modernization, increased financing for exporters from the EX-IM Bank and the Small Business Administration, passage of Free Trade Agreements, and a continuous effort to ensure the competitiveness of U.S. companies in overseas markets.

One of the most important steps in helping the U.S. maintain its global competitiveness is passage of the pending free trade agreements. The attached resolution, unanimously passed by the National District Export Council, supports efforts to finalize these agreements.

Sincerely,

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A RESOLUTION BY THE
NATIONAL DISTRICT EXPORT COUNCIL

In support of the Free Trade Agreements with
South Korea, Panama and Colombia

WHEREAS, In 2007, the United States concluded trade agreements with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea;

WHEREAS, Each of the three trade agreements would open new markets to U.S. exports, and, in turn, benefit American businesses, farmers, workers, and consumers;

WHEREAS, The independent U.S. International Trade Commission has estimated that the three pending trade agreements, combined, would increase U.S. exports by at least \$13 billion;

WHEREAS, The benefits of trade agreements are also long lasting. Since 2000, U.S. exports to the 13 countries with which the United States has implemented trade agreements have grown almost twice as fast as our worldwide exports.

WHEREAS, Colombia, Panama, and South Korea have all concluded trade agreements with major trading partners and export competitors of the United States.

WHEREAS, So U.S. failure to implement our own trade agreements with these countries could severely disadvantage U.S. exporters and jeopardize U.S. job creation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National District Export Council urges the members of the U.S. House and Senate to support this trade legislation which will be coming before the Congress this year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Chair of the National District Export Council forward a copy of this Resolution to members of the NDEC Steering Committee and to each of the 60 DEC Chairs across the country to assist in their trade education and National Export Initiative programs with their Members of Congress, news media and the general public.

Adopted by the National District Export Council Steering Committee
February 1, 2011



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