

Statement for Record:

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Congressman Erik Paulsen:

Trade with the EU is incredibly important to our nation, but also invaluable to businesses, workers, and consumers in my home state of Minnesota. Last year, Minnesota exports to the EU reached ***\$4 billion*** and accounted for ***20 percent*** of state total exports.

Polaris is a thriving Minnesota-based manufacturer with over 5,000 employees worldwide. The company manufactures and sells off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, motorcycles, small electric vehicles, and a broad array of parts and accessories.

Polaris is growing quickly, especially in Europe, and would benefit greatly from reduced tariffs, regulatory harmonization, and stronger trademark and copyright protections.

Another Minnesota company excited about the TTIP is third party logistics provider C.H. Robinson. Headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, C.H. Robinson has over a thousand employees in my district. The company is a customs broker and handles ocean freight

shipments and air freight. As small and medium size companies across the Midwest grow and increase their exports, C.H. Robinson's business expands.