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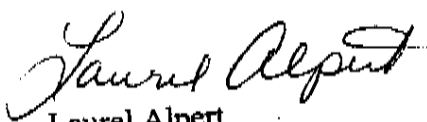
Ms. Jean Grier  
Senior Procurement Negotiator  
Office of WTO and Multilateral Affairs  
United States Trade Representative  
600 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Ms. Grier:

Thank you for the letter from Ambassador Zoellick to Governor Owens requesting that Colorado offer the same coverage of state-level government procurement to Panama and the Andean countries of Colombia, Ecuador and Peru that Colorado has already agreed to provide under the Government Procurement Agreement and other Free Trade Agreements. After reviewing this issue, Governor Owens agrees to Ambassador Zoellick's request to offer these countries, where appropriate, the same treatment. We understand that this request involves no additional commitments requiring Colorado to change its current government procurement practices and simply allows other countries to be added on the basis of reciprocity. Colorado's agreement is contingent upon existing state laws that govern purchasing requirements for state agencies.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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Division Director, International Trade  
(USTR State-Point-of-Contact)