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The Honorable Robert B. Zoellick  
United States Trade Representative  
600 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Ambassador Zoellick:

Please accept this letter as notice of Wisconsin's decision to not be bound by the government procurement chapter of the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

While I support the removal of governmental barriers to trade, the case has not been made that Wisconsin's commitment to the government procurement provisions of this agreement will lead to increased contracts for Wisconsin businesses.

Additionally, I continue to hear from the national and Wisconsin dairy industry that this agreement may have substantial negative effects on Wisconsin's dairy producers. Dairy farming and related industries comprise a critical sector of this state's economic base. As Wisconsin recovers from the nationwide economic downturn, it cannot afford to place one of its most significant industries in harm's way. I cannot support a free trade agreement that poses such a threat to the employees and lifblood of this state.

Wisconsin intends to review all bilateral and multilateral agreements on a case-by-case basis to ensure that any decision to be bound will result in both increased employment for Wisconsin workers and the advancement of the state's legitimate public policy objectives.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Doyle  
Governor