



STATE OF ARKANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Mike Huckabee
Governor

February 12, 2004

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

Dear Ambassador Zoellick:

I am pleased to affirm that the State of Arkansas authorizes the U.S. Trade Representative to offer access to the Arkansas State government procurement market in new trade agreements that USTR is currently negotiating. These include trade agreements with Australia; Morocco; Central American countries (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama); Dominican Republic; Andean countries (Bolivia, Peru, Colombia and Ecuador); the South African Customs Union (Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland); and the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas.

Arkansas will undertake the same commitments with regard to these new agreements that it has already undertaken under the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement. I am confident your efforts will stimulate new trade opportunities for our nation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Huckabee".

Mike Huckabee