Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

November 12, 2013

The Honorable Barack Obama President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

We write to express our serious concerns with the ongoing negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Free Trade Agreement (FTA). It is our firm belief that Congress must be consulted as this agreement is developed and finalized, and we are disappointed that adequate consultation and input from Congress does not exist.

We strongly urge your administration to engage in meaningful dialogues with the relevant committees of jurisdiction in the U.S. House of Representatives, particularly given the potential near-term signing of the TPP FTA. Matters under the authority of Congress include tariff issues, labor policy, food and agriculture standards, environmental concerns, patent and copyright use, and regulations impacting many service sector industries, among many others.

Given our considerable concerns with this trade agreement, we will oppose "Fast Track" Trade Promotion Authority. Again, Congress must be involved in determining when an agreement is in the best interest of our constituents and our country, and without this, we must be able to diligently review any potential agreement to avoid the mistakes of the past and ensure free trade means fairness for American businesses, workers, and consumers.

Sincerely,

Chris Gibson Member of Congress Michael Grimm Member of Congress

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