

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 30, 2015

The Honorable Michael Froman
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508

The Honorable Jack Lew
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Ambassador Froman and Secretary Lew:

As the trade ministers of the parties to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations meet this week in Atlanta, we write to emphasize that we share the view that the substance of the negotiations must determine their timing and eventual conclusion.

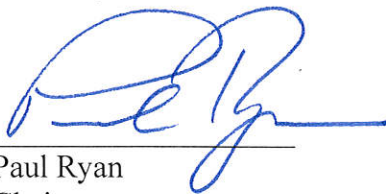
We share the same deep concern that significant issues remain outstanding in the TPP negotiations that must be resolved so that TPP has sufficient support in Congress. We urge you to ensure that any agreement reached meets the priorities of Congress.

Moreover, how these issues are resolved must be determined in close and effective coordination with stakeholders and with Members of Congress to achieve an acceptable outcome in these negotiations. We expect you to intensify these consultations and coordination immediately.

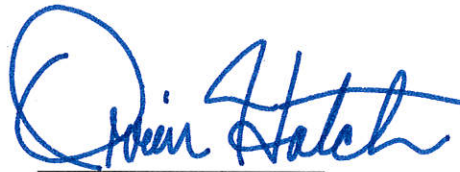
We urge you to take the time necessary to get the best deal possible for the United States, working closely with us and with stakeholders to resolve the many outstanding issues in these critically important negotiations. If you are unable to obtain an agreement that is consistent with the standards we have set out, we would support continuing negotiations so that TPP meets the benchmark that Congress can support.

We look forward to continuing our work together.

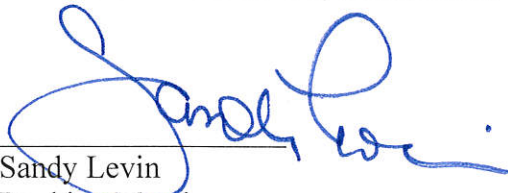
Sincerely,



Paul Ryan
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Ranking Member
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