

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Ron Kirk
United States Trade Representative
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Dear Ambassador:

A cornerstone to the recovery of the U.S. manufacturing sector and the communities dependent on it is the effective application of the U.S. trade laws to address foreign unfair trade practices harmful to domestic industries and workers. It is therefore essential that any trade agreement the United States enters into does not undermine our trade laws or their effectiveness. Upholding this principle in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement negotiations could mean the difference between a healthy U.S. forestry industry, and one that is left unable to compete against unfairly traded imports. Specifically, the final text of the TPP should include language making all signing parties subject to full judicial review with respect to the application of domestic trade laws.

As you know, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) allows Mexico and Canada to side-step the U.S. judicial system with respect to the application of our trade laws, like those that remedy dumping and countervailable subsidies. We strongly believe that the TPP agreement should put an end to the inequities established under NAFTA, and thus reestablish the critical role of the U.S. Courts in the proper enforcement of the U.S. trade laws as they apply to all trading partners of the United States.

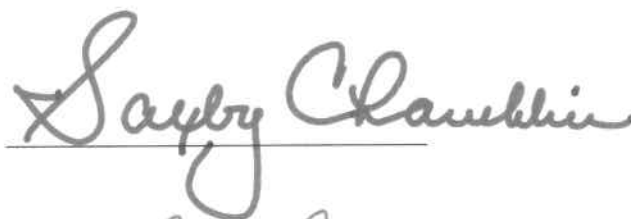
U.S. industries, workers, and their communities who rely on fair, effective, and equitable application of the U.S. trade laws to compete against foreign unfair trade practices must have assurances that the TPP will not again create a vehicle for certain trading partners to side-step our judicial system.

Strong enforcement of our trade laws and trade agreements is critical to the recovery of our manufacturing sector and is pivotal to preserving good paying American jobs in communities that desperately need them.

Sincerely,



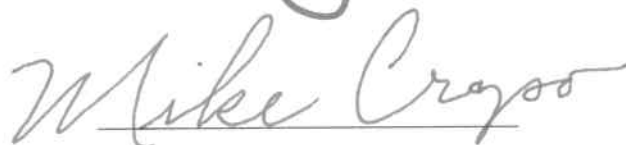
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