



MEMORANDUM

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To: Reporters and Editors
From: Dan Virkstis for Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.)
Re: Baucus Comment Regarding President's Commitment to U.S. Trade Agenda in State of the Union Address

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) expressed support today for President Obama's commitment to the U.S. trade agenda in his State of the Union (SOTU) address last night. The President said his Administration will launch a National Export Initiative that will help farmers and small businesses and seek to double U.S. exports over the next five years, which will support two million American jobs. The President also affirmed his Administration's commitment to active U.S. involvement in Doha trade discussions, stronger trade relations with Asia-Pacific markets and support for the three pending Free Trade Agreements with South Korea, Panama, and Colombia. Chairman Baucus has long fought for a robust U.S. trade agenda to support American businesses and create jobs.

From Chairman Baucus:

“Last night I was pleased to hear the President affirm his support for international trade, and I look forward to the thorough implementation of that agenda. Strong trade relationships are critical to our economic growth and recovery. Opening and expanding new and existing markets to U.S. products means real jobs here at home. I urge the Administration to move forward quickly on a positive trade agenda that gives American ranchers, farmers, service providers and manufacturers the help they need to export their first-class, American-made products to the world's consumers.”

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