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Industry Support for USTR's Top-to-Bottom Review of U.S.-China Trade Policy: Strengthening Enforcement and Accountability

What They Are Saying:

"We need to enter a new phase in our trade relationship and hold China accountable... and [U.S. Trade Representative] Portman's statement makes this clear. Establishing a Chief Counsel for China Trade Enforcement is a great idea and sends a strong message to China about fully complying with its international obligations.... It also bodes well for full and transparent enforcement of U.S. trade laws. It's time for China to play by the rules, and these initiatives will strengthen the hand of China's forward-looking trade reformers and help take our relationship in the right direction."

"This is precisely what the NAM has been calling for; a relationship in which both countries benefit... we must find ways to substantially increase the sale of U.S. goods to China while dealing aggressively with unfair trading practices. Manufacturers also are pleased that Ambassador Portman is turning to the business community for advice through the Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations (ACTPN)... we look forward to working with USTR on these important initiatives."

-John Engler, President, National Association of Manufacturers

"Ambassador Portman and the Administration should be congratulated for taking a critical step in developing a comprehensive approach to address ongoing issues of concern while moving forward with a constructive and positive approach to U.S.-China trade policy...China is the fastest growing economy in the world, offering tremendous growth potential for American companies, agriculture and workers, but we must create new and better opportunities to sell U.S. goods and services. This report creates the foundation for achieving that goal."

-Harold McGraw III, Chairman, President and CEO, The McGraw-Hill Companies, and Chairman of Business Roundtable's International Trade & Investment Task Force

"We welcome Ambassador Portman's announcement on plans to beef up USTR's enforcement of China's trade obligations...It is clear that China has not yet fully complied with its WTO obligations with respect to protecting the rights and property of the U.S. movie industry, and we believe the initiatives announced today will help us reach the level of protection for our products that China is obligated in providing...I applaud Ambassador Portman and his entire China, enforcement, and IP team for their commitment to these important issues and for their dedication to achieving the highest level possible compliance from China."

-Dan Glickman, Chairman and CEO, Motion Picture Association of America

“This administration is serious about delivering meaningful and concrete results from China on behalf of American workers, farmers, and businesses,... China’s success in meeting its WTO and intellectual property obligations is in everyone’s best interests... Dialogue remains the preferred approach to moving the U.S.-China trade agenda forward, but if China continues to falter in key areas, the Chamber will support the administration in all appropriate courses of action.”

-Myron Brilliant, Vice President for East Asia, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

“China is our fastest growing export market and imports from China help keep inflation low, benefiting American consumers and businesses. At the same time, we must take steps to resolve problems in our commercial relationship, such as inadequate intellectual property rights protection, lack of transparency in China’s regulatory process, inconsistencies in market access ...These problems can be resolved through the path of constructive engagement that Ambassador Portman has outlined. We look forward to working with him to achieve that goal.”

-John Frisbie, President, US-China Business Council

“This is a comprehensive review of the current state of U.S.-China trade policy. The U.S. bilateral trade relationship with China is a complex one, and as the report highlights, it is entering a new and more mature phase. The [National Foreign Trade Council] NFTC commends Ambassador Portman and his team for issuing a report that is designed to enhance and strengthen the relationship...The NFTC and its members look forward to working with Ambassador Portman to address the report’s key findings and recommendations.”

-Mary Irace, Vice President, National Foreign Trade Council