

In Case You Missed It:

Peru Trade Promotion Agreement "Signals Our Firm Support For Those Who Share Our Values Of Freedom And Democracy"

President Bush And Administration Officials Applaud Passage Of U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement

"I commend the Senate for approving the free trade agreement with Peru with strong bipartisan support. This agreement will level the playing field for American exporters and investors and will expand an important market in this hemisphere for U.S. goods and services, which will help strengthen economic growth and job creation in the United States. ... I look forward to signing this legislation into law and urge Congress to promptly consider and approve our other pending free trade agreements, starting with Colombia, which would be important to the stability of the region, and including Panama and South Korea."

– President George W. Bush, 12/4/07

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U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab: "With this agreement, American farmers, ranchers, manufacturers, service providers, and their employees will gain reciprocal access to Peru's growing market." "With the strong votes by both Chambers of Congress, we are sending a strong signal to the world that the United States is regaining its bipartisan footing on trade policy and is a reliable ally to countries that are building political and economic freedom. ... I am eager to work with Congress to ensure the pending free trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and Korea are voted on promptly." (U.S. Trade Representative Susan C. Schwab, Statement On Senate Passage Of The Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, Press Release, 12/4/07)

Secretary Of State Condoleezza Rice: "This permanent access will help build a more efficient and effective economic engine to create growth, jobs and economic opportunities both in Peru and in the United States." "Our collective efforts on both sides of the aisle and with regional partners have gone a long way to establish better two-way trade; and all parties should be commended for seizing the opportunity to benefit all of our citizens. ... I urge Congress, as we begin a new year, to move forward with the same energy and focus that brought about this agreement's passage, to the pending trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea." (Secretary Of State Condoleezza Rice, Statement On Senate Passage Of The Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, Press Release, 12/4/07)

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson: "This is an important bipartisan accomplishment that will give U.S. businesses and exporters access to Peru's markets." "This vote signals the United States' commitment to reducing trade barriers and spreading prosperity in the hemisphere. I look forward to working with Congress to secure passage of the other important pending free trade agreements with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea." (Secretary Of Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Statement On Passage Of Peru Free Trade Agreement, Press Release, 12/4/07)

Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez: "I look forward to building on this momentum by working closely with Congress to pass pending free trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and Korea in the coming months." "With this final vote, Congress will boost both nations' economies and remove barriers for U.S. exports to that market. ... Bipartisan cooperation to pass this agreement in both the House and Senate sets a positive tone for our common agenda to give American businesses, workers and farmers the tools needed to compete and win globally as well as promote peace and prosperity with U.S. allies." (Secretary Of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez, Statement On Senate Passage Of The U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, Press Release, 12/4/07)

Acting Agriculture Secretary Chuck Conner: "U.S. agriculture has been a staunch supporter of the Peru Trade Promotion Agreement because it creates new opportunities for U.S. products that currently face high tariffs to enter the Peruvian market." "It is important for Congress to continue the process of leveling the playing field for our producers, eliminating restrictive tariffs on U.S. exports, and allowing the strengths of American agriculture to shine through by moving forward with the Colombia, Panama and Korea trade agreements." (Acting Secretary Of Agriculture Chuck Conner, Statement Regarding Congressional Approval of the Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, Press Release, 12/4/07)

Administrator Of The Small Business Administration Steve Preston: "The agreement will level the playing field for American small businesses by giving them the same duty-free access that Peruvian businesses have to the U.S. market." "We must continue pursuing further opportunities to improve market conditions for small business exporters so they can compete in a global marketplace. I welcome today's vote and encourage Congress to work cooperatively again to pass Free Trade Agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea." (U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Steve Preston, Statement On Passage Of Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, Press Release, 12/4/07)