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President George W. Bush
The White House
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Dear Mr. President,

We write today to express our interest in deepening our trade and economic relations with South Korea. South Korea is not only an important regional ally; it is also our seventh largest trading partner. Given the strong ties between the United States and South Korea and the potential gains from greater access for U.S. businesses, farmers, and exporters to the South Korean market, we believe that a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with South Korea could benefit U.S. economic interests.

We have heard from the U.S. agriculture, automobile, motion picture, and pharmaceutical industries regarding their concerns over market access difficulties and barriers to trade with respect to South Korea. We share those concerns; therefore, we believe that South Korea needs to address these issues in order to pave the way for an FTA. During his recent trip to the United States, the South Korean Trade Minister assured us that these concerns would be addressed in a timely manner. We look forward to working with you on this.

In addition, we understand that South Korea has been a constructive partner with the United States to further our interests in a successful WTO Doha Development Agenda Round. As a potential FTA partner, we hope that South Korea continues to work closely with us on this important endeavor.

As our nation continues to seek market access for U.S. exporters all over the world, we believe our government should seriously consider a Free Trade Agreement with South Korea in the near future.

We look forward to working with you on this and other issues in the future.

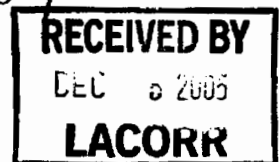
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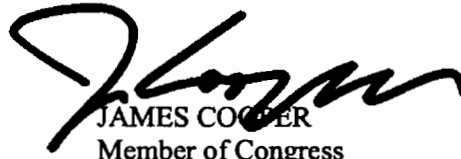


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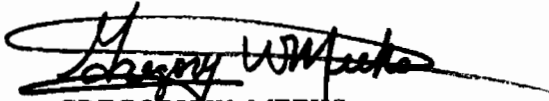
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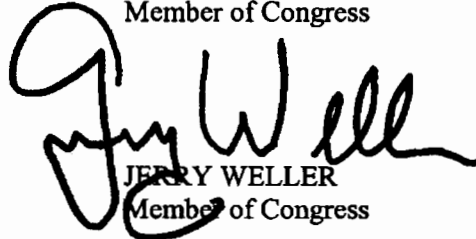
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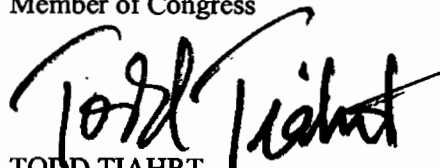
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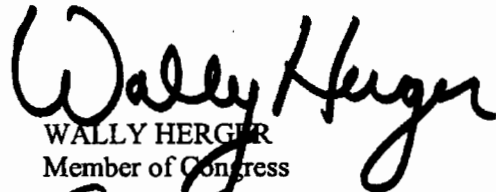
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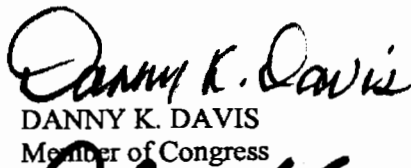
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