

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Michael Froman
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
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Dear Ambassador Froman

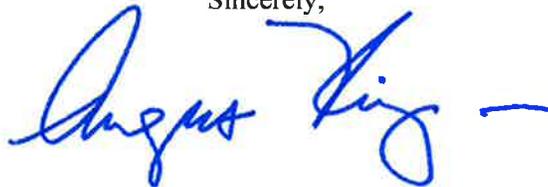
It has come to my attention that the State of Maine Citizen Trade Policy Commission requested a dialogue with you in three letters dated February 24, 2014. Established by Maine law, the Citizen Trade Policy Commission was formed “to assess and monitor legal and economic impacts of trade agreements on state and local laws, working conditions and the business environment; to provide a mechanism for citizens and Legislators to voice their concerns and recommendation; and to make policy recommendations designed to protect Maine jobs, business environment and laws from any negative impact of trade agreements.” These letters attached are in regard to different aspects of the current international trade treaty negotiations. These concerns include:

- Pharmaceutical and medical device reimbursement and intellectual property provisions in the TPP
- Negotiations in the TPP concerning procurement provisions affecting sub-central governments, and
- Support for Public Stocktaking Process on Investment and Investor-to-State-Dispute Settlement Policies.

I am concerned that they have not yet received a response, and am aware that in order to fulfill their mission and charge a response from your office is crucial. The issues addressed in these letters are of great importance to the state of Maine, and deserve a thorough analysis. I would encourage your office to actively engage with the Citizen Trade Policy Commission in order to explore their concerns. I respect how busy your schedule must be, but please find the time to address the letters enclosed.

Please feel free to contact my Senior Policy Advisor, Marge KilKelly if you need more information. You can contact her at marge_kilkelly@king.senate.gov, or 202-228-1467. Please provide copies of your response to the Commission to my office.

Sincerely,



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