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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means
1233 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Pat Tiberi
Chairman, Subcommittee on Trade
1203 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairmen Ryan and Tiberi:

We commend your leadership in protecting American innovation and strengthening trade enforcement by introducing H.R. 1907, the "Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015". This legislation is necessary to ensure foreign actors comply with our trade laws or face serious repercussions.

We were pleased to see that the Senate Committee on Finance, while considering S.1269, the Senate companion measure to Chairman Tiberi's legislation, adopted an amendment offered by Senator Bennet. This amendment provides tools and procedures for enhanced oversight of international exchange rates and policies, along with tools for strengthening trade enforcement against currency manipulation. Additionally, we were pleased to see the bipartisan Hatch-Wyden amendment adopted in TPA legislation, providing for a stronger negotiating objective on currency manipulation.

We encourage you to include Senator Bennet's currency manipulation language, which is included in S. 1269, in a manager's amendment, when the customs and enforcement legislation comes to the House floor for a vote.

Currency manipulation is a serious trade problem that American businesses and workers face today. Failing to address currency manipulation could lessen or even eliminate any benefits of a free trade agreement and leave workers and business in our districts, and in districts across the country, at a competitive disadvantage.

Again, we applaud the action the Committee on Ways and Means has taken under your leadership in expanding America's consumer base around the globe. We are grateful for your consideration, and look forward to working with you as this issue progresses.

Sincerely,



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