

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

May 14, 2008

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

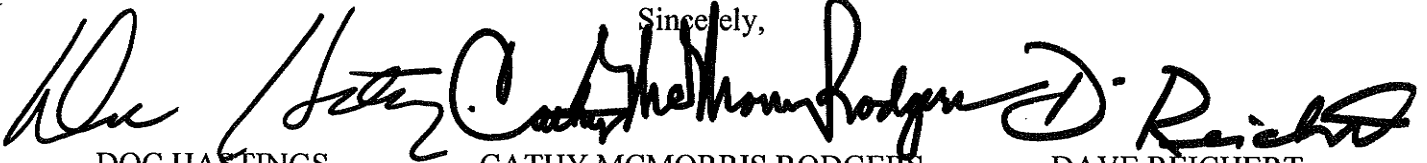
As members of the Washington state delegation, we urge you to bring the U.S.-Korea (KORUS) Free Trade Agreement to the floor within the standard 60-day window set forth by trade promotion authority when the agreement is submitted to Congress.

Free trade is essential to our state's economy and workers. We represent the most trade-dependent state in the nation, where one out of three jobs is connected to trade and more than \$61 billion in goods and services is exported annually. Korea is our state's fourth largest trading partner. By implementing the KORUS FTA, we will level the playing field and open new markets not just for major employers like Boeing, Microsoft, and Starbucks, but also for thousands of Washington small businesses, cherry and potato farmers, and wine makers.

In light of the recent breakthrough agreement reached to fully reopen the Korean market to all U.S. beef, now is the time to send a message to the world that America remains open for trade and that we understand the economic and diplomatic benefits of implementing trade agreements with strategic partners. Assuring American and Korean workers that you will bring the KORUS FTA to the floor under regular order is a needed first step in conveying this message.

We are not asking that you declare your support for the FTA, only that you will permit the House to have a real policy discussion about the agreement under the rules of consideration this chamber agreed to when it approved trade promotion authority. Trade is too important to our state's employers and workers to risk delaying consideration of the KORUS FTA.

Sincerely,

  
DOC HASTINGS  
Member of Congress

CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS  
Member of Congress

DAVE REICHERT  
Member of Congress