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Subject: International Trade Governors Letter

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Katherine,

I hope all is well.

As you may have seen previously, attached is a bipartisan letter that is being circulated among Governors to urge congressional consideration of upcoming trade agreements including the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. We hope the Governor will consider supporting this letter. OFII supports removing barriers to trade and investment, which will make the U.S. more competitive in attracting global businesses to our shores and the jobs that follow. In fact, click [here](#) to read a recent publication that highlights how a more robust free trade network will make the U.S. more attractive for foreign direct investment.

Bipartisan support from Governors would be instrumental in moving congressional consideration. Please contact Doug Hoelscher from Governor Branstad's office to sign the letter or for more information. He can be reached at doug.hoelscher@iowa.gov or 202.624.5479. His office is finalizing the letter by December 19.

Thank you for your consideration.

Happy Holidays,
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