

# KEY VOTE ALERT

## To the Members of the United States House of Representatives:

On behalf of the Coalition of Service Industries (CSI) I am writing to express the strong support of the globally competitive US service sector for the passage of H.R. 5602, "A bill to authorize the nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam." Passage of this important legislation will require a vote on the Rule and on the bill itself.

CSI represents US companies across the spectrum of service sectors, and works to ensure that US bilateral, regional, and multilateral trade agreements achieve maximal liberalization of trade and investment in services, in areas ranging from banking and insurance to express delivery, telecommunications, business services, and many others.

With services representing 78% of our country's economic output and employing 80% of the American workforce, the United States has a tremendous stake in the continued liberalization of international trade and investment in services.

In order to join the World Trade Organization, Vietnam has agreed to open its markets in key service industries such as banking, insurance, securities, energy services, express delivery, telecommunications, business services, distribution, and others. In addition, Vietnam has made significant commitments to enhance regulatory transparency, accountability, IPR protection, and the rule of law. In order to realize these benefits, the United States must grant permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) to Vietnam. The US has had to make no concessions in this negotiation.

Home to nearly 85 million people, Vietnam is a large and rapidly growing market in a part of the world that is vital to US economic interests. Vietnam has tremendous economic and commercial potential, and has committed to substantial and commercially meaningful market opening and liberalization. The Coalition of Service Industries urges you to vote "yes" on the final passage of H.R. 5602. This will be a Coalition of Service Industries key vote.

Sincerely,



Bob Vastine  
President