

*From the U.S.-Vietnam Congressional Caucus:*  
**US-Vietnam Trade Deal Reached**

Dear Colleague,

As co-chairs of the US-Vietnam Congressional Caucus, we write to call your attention to the U.S. Trade Representative's recent announcement that an "agreement in principle" has been reached on trade relations between the United States and Vietnam. It is our hope that this agreement will help pave the way for broadening relations and economic cooperation between our two nations.

This proposed accord regarding bilateral market access and WTO rules commitments will take great strides in lowering Vietnam's trade barriers to U.S. industrial and agricultural products and services. It is also a crucial next step in Vietnam's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). The U.S. is the final country to conclude bilateral negotiations with Vietnam in order for it to join the WTO.

Because of the strong commitments in this agreement, Vietnam's WTO accession is supported by such American organizations as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Pork Producers Council, the United States Council for International Business, and the U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council. The agreement is expected to be signed in the coming weeks and legislation will likely be introduced in Congress soon to grant Permanent Normalized Trade Relations (PNTR) status to Vietnam.

In honor of this historic agreement and impending Congressional action, **we invite you to join the US-Vietnam Congressional Caucus**. Our Caucus takes a balanced approach to addressing issues of interest to the governments and people of the United States and Vietnam, focusing on veterans' issues, tourism, bilateral trade and WTO accession, human rights, religious freedom, labor rights, and defense cooperation. We hope that the Caucus can play a key role in the PNTR process in Congress, and would love to have you on board.

For more information on the US-Vietnam Congressional Caucus or to join, please contact Stephanie Krenrich in Congressman Evans' office at 5-5905 or Erik Heilman in Congressman Simmons' office at 5-2076.

Sincerely,

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