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The Honorable Susan Schwab
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Schwab:

On behalf of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. I would like to extend our congratulations to you on the successful conclusion of the recent World Trade Organization (WTO) accession negotiations with Vietnam. That agreement together with the passage of legislation granting permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) status will be the last step in normalizing relations between the US and Vietnam.

It will also have direct and substantial benefits for Anheuser-Busch. Vietnam's new intellectual property law, passed in contemplation of WTO accession after active consultation with US authorities, is a model for other countries to follow in the protection of trademark rights in an area of particular interest to our company. The accession agreement itself provides significant new trading and distribution rights. We believe Vietnam's accession to the WTO will also provide new investment opportunities.

Once again let me congratulate you on this historic achievement and we look forward to working with you on the expeditious passage of the PNTR legislation.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick T. Stokes".

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