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Dear Senator,

The Coalition of Service Industries (CSI) represents US trade associations and companies providing financial, telecommunications, computer and related services, express delivery, logistics, audiovisual, business and professional, energy, and other services. On behalf of CSI members, I am writing to express our strong support for Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) for Vietnam. Vietnam's WTO accession package provides for valuable commercial opportunities in important services sectors. The attached CSI fact sheet describes these benefits in detail.

Last week, Vietnam's National Assembly approved its full WTO membership, meaning that it will accede to the organization by the end of December. If PNTR is not granted prior by that point, Vietnam's WTO commitments will not be automatically extended to the United States. We urge you to act promptly on Vietnam's PNTR before our companies, across the spectrum of service sectors, are disadvantaged while our competitors profit from the new opportunities created by Vietnam's WTO accession.

The United States needs to do very little in return for these concessions. We are only obliged to provide on a permanent basis the same normal trade treatment that we have already granted to Vietnam on an annual basis since 1998. As you know, Vietnam PNTR has broad bi-partisan support in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

We urge you to vote "Yes" on Vietnam's PNTR. Because of its importance to American jobs and exports, we consider it a **KEY VOTE**. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Bob Vastine
President