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Chairman Thomas Introduces Trade Legislation Package

WASHINGTON - Today, Ways and Means Chairman Bill Thomas (R-CA) introduced a trade bill, H.R. 6406. The bill includes trade measures that have two major purposes: 1) they are critical to advancing humanitarian efforts through economic opportunity in developing countries and 2) they are needed to maintain and expand the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers and exporters in the global marketplace.

"This is a strong bipartisan compromise package that meets our trade needs and worldwide humanitarian and economic obligations," said Thomas. "This legislation strikes the right balance of creating economic opportunities here in the U.S. while also ensuring our own manufacturers are not adversely affected. It extends a number of important expiring trade incentives for developing countries, and so I urge the House and Senate to approve this legislation quickly so it can be enacted."