

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 29, 2015

The Honorable Michael Froman
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Froman,

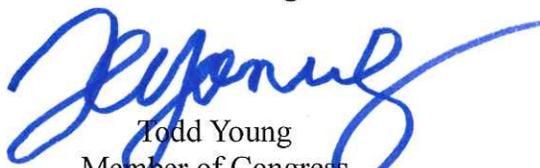
As the ministerial-level negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) continue this week, we write to express our strong support for our nation's tobacco farmers. We appreciate your comments that the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) is not seeking to discriminate against America's tobacco farmers.

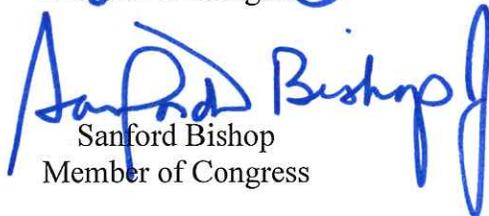
We, along with colleagues in both the House and Senate, believe that any unique or different treatment of tobacco or tobacco products would in fact discriminate against tobacco farmers. This includes, but is not limited to, a carve out for tobacco from the TPP's Investor-State Dispute Settlement Chapter. Measures necessary to protect human health and/or public morals are already covered by exceptions found in U.S. and international (WTO) trade agreements. These provide the ability to currently protect public policy objectives.

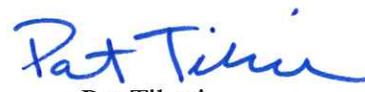
We firmly believe that all agricultural exports and industries covered in the TPP should be afforded the same opportunities and protections. As you work to conclude negotiations, we sincerely hope you will uphold your commitment to our nation's tobacco farmers.

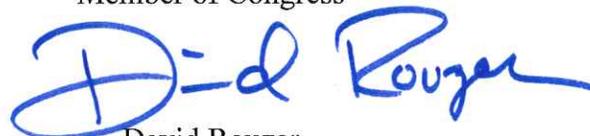
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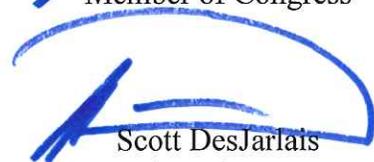
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