



# AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

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PRESIDENT

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All Members of the House of Representatives

Dear Member of Congress,

I am writing you today on an issue of great importance to every American, the United States economy. Our economy has just broken the record set by President Reagan for consecutive months of job growth, with 49 months. The main reason for this unprecedented growth is the removal of so many barriers in regard to trade. The entrepreneurial spirit of the American people and the American worker are the backbone of our economy, and free trade policies have allowed them to thrive, benefiting all Americans.

With a free trade agreement between the United States and Peru now pending before the Senate, I urge you to move judiciously and quickly on this mutually beneficial pact.

U.S. companies exported \$2.9 billion in goods in Peru in 2006. With the passage of the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, the amount of exported goods will only increase, and both sides will benefit. It is estimated that sales of goods from U.S. farms would increase by more than \$700 million with PTPA implementation.

A strong economy in Peru will also serve to strengthen their young democracy, solidifying the foundation upon which it is founded. Economic stability and growth will envelop more and more Peruvians, draining the swamp of discontent that had held that nation in its clutches for so many years. Poverty would continue the decline that has seen rates drop from 54.3 percent in 2001 to 49.5 percent in 2006.

Most importantly, it would strengthen Peru as a whole and move them further away from the rampant corruption that has scarred their nation for too long. They are already moving away from that past to a legitimate, above board economy, this free trade agreement would help that transition and strengthen a vital ally in a pivotal region of our hemisphere.

It is for these reasons I ask you to act quickly and support the U.S.-Colombian Trade Promotion Agreement.

Sincerely,

Grover Norquist  
President,  
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