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Citizen Trade Policy Commission

May 19, 2015

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
United States House of Representatives
2 Portland Fish Pier, Suite 304
Portland, ME 04101

Re: Invitation to speak before the Maine Citizen Trade Policy Commission

Dear Representative Pingree:

As you know, the Maine Citizen Trade Policy Commission was established in 2003 by the Maine State Legislature to, *“to assess and monitor the legal and economic impacts of trade agreements on state and local laws, working conditions and the business environment; to provide a mechanism for citizens and Legislators to voice their concerns and recommendations; and to make policy recommendations designed to protect Maine's jobs, business environment and laws from any negative impact of trade agreements.”* [10 MRSA §11 (3)].

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The Honorable Angus King
United States Senate
4 Gabriel Dr Suite 3
Augusta, ME 04330

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Dear Senator King:

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We appreciate the time you spent meeting with the CTPC Chairs on November 15, 2013. To add to our understanding of these various topics, we would like to again invite you (or members of your staff) to appear before the commission. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2015 from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM at Room 208 of the Cross Office Building in Augusta. We also anticipate scheduling other meetings to take place over the course of the summer and fall.

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United States House of Representatives
6 State Street
Suite 101
Bangor, ME 04401

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Dear Representative Poliquin:

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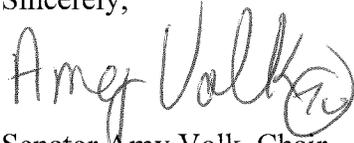
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United States Senate
68 Sewall Street, Room 507
Augusta, ME 04330

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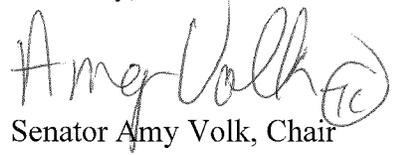
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