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MEMORANDUM – URGENT

via facsimile

November 3, 1997

TO: America Leads on Trade Coalition Members

FROM: James T. Christy
Chairman, America Leads on Trade Coalition

RE: FAST TRACK ALERT -- SPEAKER GINGRICH's CHALLENGE

Last Thursday, Speaker Newt Gingrich and the House Republican Leadership announced that the House of Representatives would vote on legislation to renew the President's fast track trade negotiating authority on Friday, November 7. In doing so, the Speaker challenged the business community to raise the level and intensity of our lobbying campaign.

Speaker Gingrich has said that it is imperative that company CEO's contact Members of Congress personally, not delegate the task to their Washington representatives and lobbyists.

Our CEO's, in a letter dated October 28, called on the President and the congressional leadership to schedule a vote on fast track before adjournment and stated that they "strongly believe that the country cannot afford to wait any longer for a vote on fast track."

The vote has been scheduled and now we, in the business community, must do what is necessary to win this vote. **Each company must have its CEO call those Members of Congress where your company has a presence.** The message has not changed: fast track is important for America to maintain its global leadership on trade and we, as a nation, cannot wait any longer to give fast track authority to the President.

Time is critical, please do this **TODAY!** Thank you.