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**THE WHITE HOUSE
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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GEORGE V. VOINOVICH

SUBJECT: URGES PRESIDENT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH FAST -
TRACK LEGISLATION AS SOON AS CONGRESS
RECONVENES AND TO ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR FAST
TRACK AMONG AMERICANS AND CONGRESS

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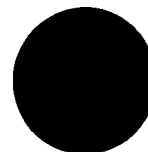
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January 21, 1998



The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The nation's Governors are deeply committed to creating jobs and improving the economic climate in each of our states. Although Governors can do much to promote economic growth, efforts by the federal government to break down barriers to international trade are crucial to the long-term economic health of our nation. The National Governors' Association (NGA) has consistently supported the renewal of fast-track trade negotiating authority as a key tool for increasing international trade. We urge you to move forward with fast-track legislation as soon as Congress reconvenes and to use your position as the leader of our nation to encourage support for fast-track among the American people and in Congress.

Specifically, we believe that you should emphasize in your state-of-the-union address the importance of fast-track authority and the benefits of increased international trade. We encourage you to act swiftly by introducing legislation as soon as Congress reconvenes. A strong personal campaign on your part to convince members of Congress to support fast-track, along with strong and consistent efforts by key members of your administration, is also crucial.

The Governors have sent a clear message to Congress on this matter. We are prepared to fully support efforts to achieve congressional renewal of fast-track trade negotiation authority in this Congress.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich
Governor George V. Voinovich

Tom Carper
Governor Thomas R. Carper

Copy: Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative

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July 7, 1998

The Honorable George V. Voinovich
Chairman
The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Vice Chairman
National Governors' Association
Hall of the States
444 North Capitol Street
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Dear George and Tom:

Thank you for forwarding to me a copy of the resolution adopted by the National Governors' Association supporting the renewal of fast-track authority for the President. I regret that I was unable to respond sooner.

More than one third of the United States' economic growth in recent years can be attributed to expansions in trade. In a world where 96 percent of consumers live outside the United States, we must be able to export our world-class goods and services in order to sustain our growth and to create new, high-paying jobs at home.

Like you, I firmly believe that fast-track authority is a key component in building a fair and open world trade system -- one that continues to benefit U.S. businesses and workers and ensures our prosperity in the years to come. As you point out, this authority is even more important as we seek to develop new markets within our hemisphere, expanding our most critical trade partnerships. For these reasons, my commitment to the renewal of fast-track remains strong. And I will work with members of both parties in Congress to determine the best timing to pursue this important initiative.

As we strive to maintain our leadership in the global economy, I appreciate your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

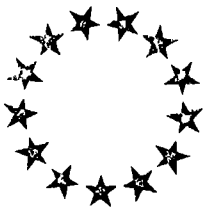
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March 24, 1998

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

During the National Governors' Association (NGA) 1998 Winter Meeting, the nation's Governors adopted a resolution calling for swift action on renewal of fast-track trade negotiation authority. The resolution is attached.

Over the last year, Governors have consistently communicated supporting legislation to renew fast-track trade negotiation authority. Our new resolution repeats our call for the federal government to move forward with fast-track legislation this spring. As job creators and export promoters, Governors are vitally interested in expanded international trade.

Once again, we urge you to work for fast-track renewal this spring while it is still politically feasible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich
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RENEW "FAST-TRACK" TRADE NEGOTIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE PRESIDENT (Resolution*)

The National Governors' Association has consistently supported the renewal of fast-track trade negotiation authority for the President. Joint efforts between the Governors and the current administration can be credited for such international trade-related successes as passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Uruguay round negotiations of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Fast-track trade negotiation authority is an important and effective tool that allows the United States to establish cooperative trade agreements with other nations. We have already seen the negative effects of delayed action on this critical issue. Negotiations with Chile over its accession to the North American Free Trade Agreement seem interminably stalled. The rest of Latin America is watching this process and has voiced growing concerns that the United States will be even less able to negotiate effectively on issues related to the creation of the Free Trade Area of the Americas. Competing nations will not wait for us to resolve internal political disputes over the structure of fast-track authority, and the Governors do not want the nation's businesses left behind in the global marketplace as a result.

Many Governors worked actively to ensure passage of fast-track trade negotiation authority legislation in fall 1997 and were disappointed that the 1997 congressional session came to an end without a successful resolution to this issue.

The Governors urge the President and his administration to move forward with fast-track legislation early in 1998. It is also crucial that the administration help educate the American people about the benefits of international trade to encourage support for fast-track among the American people and in Congress.

The Governors also call on Congress to immediately renew fast-track trade negotiation authority and on congressional leaders to actively work to support such legislation.

*Based on policy EDC-11, Governors' Principles on International Trade.

*Time limited (effective Winter Meeting 1998–Winter Meeting 1999).
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