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Russia PNTR Will Create Export Growth and Job Opportunities for *Every* State

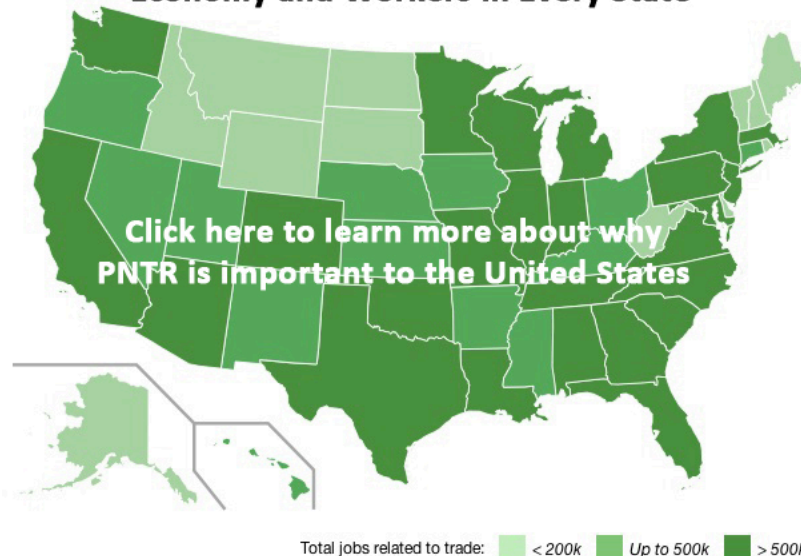
Russia will join the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2012 – after agreeing to open its market through tariff reductions and the removal of other trade barriers.

Congress needs to pass Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) legislation to help U.S. exporters and workers compete for sales of their goods and services in Russia. Failure to pass PNTR would make it harder for them to compete.

Russia is the world's 11th largest economy and one-third of its 142 million people are part of a rapidly growing middle class. Russia's accession to the WTO, combined with PNTR, will give U.S. companies and workers a dynamic new opportunity to expand their exports.

- According to some estimates, Russia's accession to the WTO could double U.S. exports from about \$9 billion in 2008 to \$19 billion per year, **adding jobs in the U.S. services, agriculture, manufacturing and high tech sectors.**

Increasing U.S. Exports to Russia Will Benefit the Economy and Workers in Every State



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