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Citizen Trade Policy Commission

To: Senator Olympia J. Snowe
From: Citizen Trade Policy Commission
Date: February 26, 2009
RE: Confirmation hearing of Ron Kirk requests

Dear. Senator Snowe:

The Maine Citizen Trade Policy Commission respectfully requests that you consider posing the following questions to President Barack Obama's nominee for United States Trade Representative, Ron Kirk, during his confirmation hearing on March 3, 2009.

1. How does Mr. Kirk envision the consultation process between the USTR and the states playing out? What changes, if any, will he make to the current consultation process?
2. Do you intend to create a Deputy of Domestic Relations position and what will be the role of that position?
3. Is Mr. Kirk familiar with the International Government Policy Advisory Committee's 2004 Memorandum entitled Recommendations for Improving Federal-State Trade Policy Coordination? If so, does he intend to create a Federal-state International Trade/Investment Policy Commission to provide institutional structure for continuous bipartisan consultation about US federal-state trade policy as recommended in that report?

Thank you for considering our request.