



Coalition of Service Industries

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CSI: Congress Should Reject TPA Changes

The Coalition of Service Industries (CSI) today expressed its extreme disappointment with the decision to delay a vote on the US-Colombia Free Trade Agreement, and called on the Congress to reject proposed changes to Trade Promotion Authority rules.

The US-Colombia Free Trade Agreement is important for the service sector, which employs 80 percent of the American workforce. US service providers are globally competitive, but face high barriers in many foreign markets. Agreements such as the Colombia FTA eliminate those barriers, and create US jobs. In every single Congressional district in the nation, the large majority of workers are employed in the service sector.

CSI urged the Congress and the Administration to work together to resolve the outstanding issues and agree on a schedule for bringing the US-Colombia Free Trade Agreement to a vote.

The Coalition of Service Industries is the leading US business association representing companies across a broad spectrum of service sectors. CSI is dedicated to reducing barriers to US services exports and mobilizing support for domestic US policies which enhance the global competitiveness of its members. CSI was formed in 1982 to ensure that U.S. trade in services would become a central goal of U.S. trade policy and trade negotiations. It played a major role in the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and in the advocacy effort leading to the 1997 World Trade Organization (WTO) Basic Telecommunications and Financial Services Agreements. CSI's knowledge of the process of services trade negotiations, its ties to the WTO and its network of relationships with governments and industry in other countries are unmatched. For a complete list of CSI members, visit our website at www.uscsi.org.