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- Thank you, Peter, both for that introduction and for your excellent leadership in organizing Team TiSA. Thanks also to the Team TiSA co-chairs, Reps. Dave Reichert and Greg Meeks. This business coalition is critical to the success of the negotiations.
- I also want to thank Amb. Froman and his team at USTR, including Amb. Punke, for the determination and creativity you've shown to build momentum again for high-standard services trade liberalization around the globe.
- Thanks, too, to the Ambassadors of Japan and Chile, as well as all the others who are committed to making TiSA a success.
- As you can see from the great turnout today, there's no mistaking the strong bipartisan commitment in Congress to the success of a high-standard TiSA.
 - Side-by-side consultations between USTR and Congress are a real source of strength in U.S. trade negotiations.
 - That's never more the case than in complex negotiations like these, in which numerous other countries are proposing text drawn from various models.
 - So I look forward to continuing to work very closely with the Administration to fashion a high-standard TiSA that goes well beyond the GATS model and incorporates the services disciplines of our trade agreements.
- This challenge – and opportunity – demonstrates once again the urgent need for Trade Promotion Authority.

- We need it now – to get the best deal possible in TPP.
 - We need it now to guide the Administration through these complex TiSA negotiations – as well as the EU and Environmental Goods negotiations – in a way that advances Congressional priorities.
 - And we need it now to guarantee Congress’s authority in setting the course that both this Administration and the next one will follow as we work together to create U.S. jobs and growth through trade.
 - We have all put in a lot of work to make the case for TPA. We’re in the key moment, and there is more work to do. We need all hands on deck, especially the President’s.
- Let me close with a word about China.
 - We want to encourage China to liberalize its highly restrictive services trade rules, which harm both China and U.S. services exporters.
 - But we won’t meet this goal if we lower our high standards. TiSA is for only those countries willing and able to meet these standards.
- Thanks again to all of you for sharing our strong commitment to robust services trade liberalization through TiSA. The world-leading U.S. services sector facilitates our agricultural and manufacturing competitiveness and is key to our economic growth. I look forward to working with all of you for a successful, high-standard TiSA.