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Congressman Levi

In my testimony before the House Committee on Ways and Means on February 9, 2011, I noted the President's intention to deliver the U.S.-Korea trade agreement to Congress within weeks and to seek its approval this spring. I expect to highlight that same time frame in my upcoming testimony in front of the Senate Finance Committee hearing on March 9th.

I have the privilege to report to you that the Office of the United States Trade Representative has completed its preparatory work on the U.S.-Korea trade agreement and stands ready to begin technical discussions on the U.S. – Korea trade agreement draft implementing bill and draft Statement of Administrative Action. We hope our discussions to review these documents may commence without delay so that we can bring the export-creating, job-supporting promise of the U.S.-Korea trade agreement home to American businesses and workers.

Sincerely

Ambassador Ron Kirk