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June 26, 2012

The Honorable Ron Kirk
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
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Dear Ambassador Kirk:

It has come to my attention that the 13th Round of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) will take place in San Diego, California from July 2-10, 2012. Given the immense impact that this agreement will have on many areas of the American economy, including intellectual property, I respectfully request that you allow me and certain members of my staff to be present as observers for this round of negotiations.

It is my hope that observing the negotiating process firsthand will help to alleviate some of my concerns about the process through which the agreement is being negotiated.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. For additional information or comments you or your staff should contact my Legislative Director, Laurent Crenshaw, at 202-225-3906.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darrell Issa', written over a horizontal line.

Darrell Issa
Member of Congress