



September 21, 2015

The Honorable Michael Froman
U.S. Trade Representative
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
Executive Office of the President
600 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20508

Commissioner Cecilia Malmström
European Commissioner for Trade
European Commission
Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 200
1049 Brussels, Belgium

Dear Ambassador Froman and Commissioner Malmström:

On behalf of the Business Coalition for Transatlantic Trade (BCTT), we are writing to express our increasing concern about the pace of progress in the Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations. We ask that you use this week's "stock-taking session" to inject a greater sense of urgency into the talks and direct negotiators to make tangible and marked progress in the upcoming round in Miami.

As you know, BCTT is made up of major companies and business associations that have consistently supported the timely conclusion of an ambitious, comprehensive, and high-standard TTIP agreement. We remain firmly convinced that such an accord can substantially expand trade and investment opportunities for American and European businesses of all sizes and across all sectors, and we are very eager to see the talks advance.

Yet, two years on, repeated expressions of political support for an ambitious outcome are not translating into progress at the negotiating table. Too many red lines are being drawn, and political decisions needed to break impasses at the negotiating table have not been forthcoming.

TTIP represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to strengthen this relationship, and we are very eager to see the talks advance. We urge you to halt the drift by insisting on substantial progress on all issues—with significant movement from both sides—during next month's round in Miami.

Sincerely,

The Business Coalition for Transatlantic Trade

CC: Mr. Ignacio Garcia Bercero, Director, DG Trade, European Commission

Mr. Dan Mullaney, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Europe and the Middle East