October 2, 2015

The Honorable Michael Froman
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Froman,

As you meet in Atlanta for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Ministerial, we write to share our serious concerns about the state of play on dairy market access in the negotiations.

As supporters of Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), we are eagerly hoping that the final agreement will be a balanced one that creates sufficient new dairy export opportunities into Canada and Japan to create a positive result for U.S. dairy on the whole, but we are anxious right now about whether or not that goal will be achieved.

As you know, throughout this process we have urged you and your team to do everything possible to ensure meaningful new market access for U.S. dairy farmers and manufacturers in order to achieve a balanced dairy outcome. We continue to urge the Administration to remain steadfast in the negotiation of our priorities to allow us to capture sufficient additional export access into Japan and Canada for key dairy commodities in a way that creates an overall positive market access result for the U.S. dairy industry in light of other TPP partners’ demands for increased access to the U.S. dairy market.

In these final hours, we ask that you remain committed to pushing for a balanced dairy outcome. It is imperative that you not accept a dairy package that does not meet this standard.

Sincerely,

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