

September 26, 2013

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

U.S. industry continues to have serious concerns about India's discriminatory trade barriers and its poor intellectual property (IP) and investment environment. As leading associations representing businesses and workers in virtually every sector of the U.S. economy, we are writing to ask that you raise and urge solutions to these escalating challenges during your important meeting with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh this week.

India's consistent failure to protect IP rights, uncertain and arbitrary tax policy and tax administration, forced local production of certain information technology and clean energy equipment, and compulsory licenses and patent revocations for innovative medicines continue to concern the broad coalition of U.S. industry. Many of these actions give India's domestic corporations an unfair advantage over businesses and workers in the United States. They are inconsistent with India's international obligations and undermine India's own creative community and the ability of American companies to invest.

We applaud the priority Vice President Biden and Secretary of State Kerry placed on addressing India's discriminatory trade practices during recent visits to Delhi and the emphasis Ambassador Froman has given to these issues in meetings with his Indian counterparts. A level playing field for American businesses and workers in India and other overseas markets is essential to promote economic growth and opportunity and to achieve the goal of doubling U.S. exports by 2015.

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Thank you for your commitment to these important matters, and we look forward to working with your administration to ensure U.S. exports and investment in India is treated fairly.

Sincerely,

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American Foundry Society
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Biotechnology Industry Association
California Manufacturers & Technology Association
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National Electrical Manufacturers Association
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Solar Energy Industries Association
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