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AFTI Comments on U.S.-India Trade Policy Forum and Commercial Dialogue

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 30, 2017 – The Alliance for Fair Trade with India (AFTI) released the following statement following last week’s U.S.-India Trade Policy Forum and Commercial Dialogue:

“AFTI and its members welcome bilateral discussions between U.S. and India to improve and strengthen the countries’ economic and trade relationship. However, neither the Trade Policy Forum nor the Commercial Dialogue resulted in specific concrete actions to address challenges for U.S. businesses and manufacturers exporting to or operating in India.

As cited in AFTI’s [letter](#) to Ambassador Lighthizer last week, U.S. industries want to see a more robust U.S.-India commercial relationship and increased U.S.-India trade – but must see concrete efforts to address issues in India that limit market access and undermine their competitiveness, including price controls, forced localization, technical barriers to trade and intellectual property barriers.

We thank Ambassador Lighthizer and Secretary Ross for raising many of these concerns in last week’s meetings, and are hopeful the Indian delegation’s desire to “work towards resolution of the outstanding issues before the next round of the TPF” indicates a real willingness to agree to concrete solutions that improve market access in India. We urge the U.S. and Indian governments to continue to work together and to act swiftly to implement necessary policy reforms to strengthen the trade relationship.

A truly fair and bilateral U.S.-India trade partnership would have the potential to reap monumental economic benefits for both countries, including increased innovation and job creation.”

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