

UNITED STATES – NEW ZEALAND FREE TRADE COALITION
1801 F Street
Washington, D.C. 20006

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC, 20500

Dear President Bush,

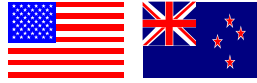
On August 2, 2001, twenty-one members of Congress wrote to encourage you to begin negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement with New Zealand. Senators Max Baucus and Charles Grassley, Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee, sent a similar message on August 27, 2001. The undersigned U.S. corporations and organizations with interests in New Zealand fully support the compelling case made by these members of Congress, and urge you to launch negotiations leading to a United States – New Zealand free trade agreement as soon as possible.

New Zealand and the United States have been strong partners and good friends for over a century. Our political ties are close, our business links are strong, and our cultural interests are many and varied. In the aftermath of September 11th, New Zealand Prime Minister Clark quickly and firmly offered diplomatic, political, and military support. Not a surprising reaction given that New Zealand is one of only two countries that fought side-by-side with America in every war since World War I.

New Zealand is one of America's strongest allies in international trade liberalization. No country has consistently worked more closely with the United States in trade forums, such as the WTO and APEC, than has New Zealand. Trade between the United States and New Zealand has doubled over the past fifteen years to more than \$4 billion this year. Next to Australia, the United States is the second largest individual trading partner with New Zealand.

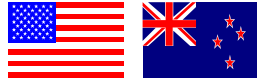
We believe a free trade agreement would strengthen our two economies by increasing trade in both directions and would set a powerful example and act as a catalyst for further ambitious trade liberalization in both APEC and the WTO.

As members of the American business community we respectfully urge you to request that the USTR begin the dialogue that will lead to an even stronger trade relationship between our two countries.



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*We agree to add our company name to the proposed letter to President
Bush requesting that negotiations begin to consummate a Free Trade
Agreement between the US and New Zealand.*

COMPANY NAME _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

PHONE _____

FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

**Thank you very much
for your help!**