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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting my office with your concerns regarding the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). Your thoughts and concerns are appreciated.

Although the Liberal government officially signed the TPP on February 4, 2016, they refuse to commit to whether or not they'll ratify the agreement, putting Canada's economy and future growth at risk.

One in five jobs in Canada and sixty percent of our nation's GDP is directly linked to exports. The TPP represents a market of almost 800 million consumers with a combined GDP of \$29 trillion which is 35 per cent of global GDP. Canada's exports to TPP countries in 2014 accounted for 81.1% of the total value of Canadian exports totalling \$759.4 billion.

A recent study by the Fraser Institute said that the TPP could boost Canadian exports by \$15.7 billion and could increase Canada's GDP by \$9.9 billion.

The Minister of Trade must show leadership and stop delaying the ratification of the TPP. Doing so will send a clear signal to Canadian businesses allowing exporters the opportunity to prepare and take advantage of this preferential market access with lower tariffs and further integration of global supply chains.

Sincerely,

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