

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Honorable Robert E. Lighthizer
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

We support the discussions which you announced jointly with the government of Brazil to secure enhanced market access for U.S. ethanol. Competitive, export-oriented U.S. industries will benefit from reductions in Brazil's trade barriers. The result will be additional American jobs and a stronger trade balance.

In particular, we support your efforts, within the context of these talks, to restore and expand Brazil's tariff rate quota for U.S. ethanol, and through this or other mechanisms, eliminate the harmful effects on U.S. firms of Brazil's 20 percent over-quota ethanol tariff.

We applaud the fact that in your joint statement, you agreed to discuss additional access to the U.S. market for Brazilian sugar. Among other benefits, the inclusion of sugar in these talks provides a powerful incentive for Brazil to negotiate in good faith on ethanol.

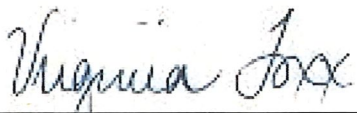
The Brazilian sugar industry has pointed out, correctly, that its exports are also subject to an over-quota tariff in the United States. In fact, it is much higher than Brazil's ethanol tariff when translated to an ad valorem basis.

Additional sugar access for Brazil would have a variety of benefits for the U.S. economy, including greater assurance of adequate supplies and greater efficiency in sourcing. In addition, because of the multiple levels of protection and subsidy provided to U.S. sugar producers, additional Brazilian access could not harm or threaten to harm our domestic sugar industry.

We believe that enhancing U.S. ethanol access to Brazil, and Brazilian sugar access to the United States, would be a win-win for both countries. We urge you to work toward additional guaranteed access for Brazilian raw sugar, through an additional TRQ or other mechanisms, conditioned on a satisfactory outcome for the U.S. ethanol industry as negotiations proceed.

Thank you for your consideration of these views and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Virginia Foxx
Member of Congress



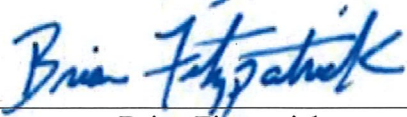
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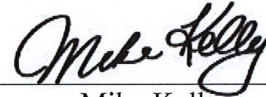
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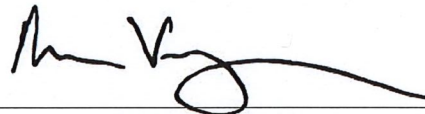
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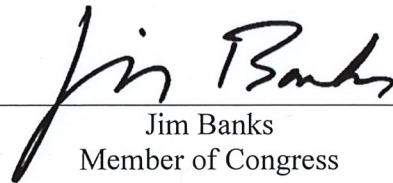
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