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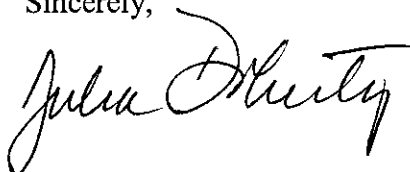
Dear Gary,

The United States has been asked to prepare its 2008 report for the initiative of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) to encourage all of its member economies to align with international standards and to participate in international standardization activities. This initiative, called the Voluntary Action Plan (VAP), is conducted each year by Japan. The VAP, and efforts like it, fosters greater harmonization to international standards and facilitates trade in the Asia Pacific region – with consequent benefits for U.S. producers.

I trust that the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) can, once again, rely on you and the staff of the American National Standards Institute to survey participants on the U.S. and U.S.N.C. Technical Advisory Groups in order to complete the attached 2008 VAP spreadsheet. Submission of the VAP by May 2008 will enable information on U.S. activity to be included in the report to be discussed at the August meetings of APEC in Peru. USTR greatly values having the work of the U.S Technical Advisory Groups in these areas represented at APEC.

I appreciate your efforts to advance the U.S. trade agenda in APEC.

Sincerely,



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