

U.S. COALITION *for* TPP



May 23, 2016

The Honorable Jeff Duncan
U.S. House of Representatives
106 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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May 23, 2016

The Honorable Mick Mulvaney
U.S. House of Representatives
2419 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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