

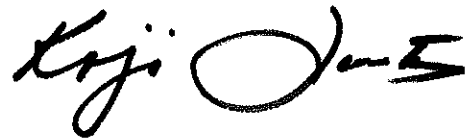
December 9, 2022

Her Excellency  
Ambassador Katherine Tai  
United States Trade Representative

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to *the Protocol Amending the Trade Agreement between Japan and the United States of America*, done at Washington, DC, on June 2, 2022 (hereinafter referred to as “the Protocol”), and, in light of the completion of our respective applicable legal procedures, to propose, in accordance with Article 7 of the Protocol, that the Protocol shall enter into force on January 1, 2023.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Koji Tomita', with a stylized flourish at the end.

TOMITA Koji  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary of Japan