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SENT VIA EMAIL (SENT ON AUGUST 2, 2012 VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL)

Dear Ms. Caldwell:

The U.S. Trade Representative will host the 14th Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiating round in Leesburg, Virginia from September 6-15, 2012.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, and on behalf of Public Citizen, I am requesting an itemized list of all expenses, whether expected or already paid, to host this round of TPP negotiations, including those covered by the U.S. Trade Representative and those covered by any other government body.

If it is your position that records exist that are responsive to this request, but that those records (or portions of those records) are exempt from disclosure, please identify the records that are being withheld and state the basis for the denial for each record being withheld. In addition, please provide the nonexempt portions of the records.

Public Citizen requests that all fees in connection with this FOIA request be waived in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), because it does not seek the records for a commercial purpose and disclosure "is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government." Public Citizen is a nonprofit research, litigation, and advocacy organization that represents consumer interests before Congress, the executive branch, and the courts, and that fights for openness and

democratic accountability in government. Public Citizen regularly publishes reports based upon information acquired through FOIA. Public Citizen disseminates its reports via publication, through our website, and through various newsletters that are distributed to consumers, lawyers, academics, and other interested parties free of charge.

Accordingly, we request that you waive all fees for locating and duplicating the requested records. If, however, a waiver is not granted, then please advise us of the amount of any proposed search, review, and reproduction charges before those activities are carried out.

We will expect a response within 20 working days as provided by law. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at [REDACTED] or bbeachy@[REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Beachy".

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Dear Mr. Beachy:

This letter is USTR's response to your five (5) identical requests under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. §552, dated August 16, 2012, for itemized lists of all expenses, whether expected or already paid, to host the following rounds of TPP negotiations:

- 1. The U.S. Trade Representative will host the 14<sup>th</sup> Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiating round in Leesburg, Virginia from September 6-15, 2012. Requesting an itemized list of all expenses, whether expected or already paid, to host this round of TPP negotiations, including those covered by the U.S. Trade Representative and those covered by any other government body.**
- 2. The U.S. Trade Representative hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiating round in San Diego, California from July 2-10, 2012. Requesting an itemized list of all expenses that have incurred to host this round of TPP negotiations, including those incurred by the U.S. Trade Representative and those incurred by any other government body.**
- 3. The U.S. Trade Representative hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiating round in Dallas, Texas from May 8-18, 2012. Requesting an itemized list of all expenses that have incurred to host this round of TPP negotiations, including those incurred by the U.S. Trade Representative and those incurred by any other government body.**
- 4. The U.S. Trade Representative hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiating round in Chicago, Illinois from September 6-15, 2011. Requesting an itemized list of all expenses that have incurred to host this round of TPP negotiations, including those incurred by the U.S. Trade Representative and those incurred by any other government body.**

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5. **The U.S. Trade Representative hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiating round in San Francisco, California from June 14-18, 2011. Requesting an itemized list of all expenses that have incurred to host this round of TPP negotiations, including those incurred by the U.S. Trade Representative and those incurred by any other government body.**

Please be advised that, after a search of our files, we are providing one (1) document within the scope of your FOIA request. This document contains itemized lists of expenses incurred by USTR during each of the five (5) TPP negotiating rounds described above. In addition, the document includes a legend that defines each expense category used in the lists. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative does not have documents from other governments regarding these negotiations.

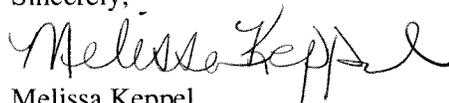
Inasmuch as this constitutes a complete response to your request, I am closing your file in this office. Under 15 C.F.R §2004.6(d), if you are not satisfied with this decision, then within sixty (60) days you may appeal it in writing to:

FOIA Appeals Committee  
Office of the United States Trade Representative  
1724 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20508

Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" and should include a reference to the FOIA Case File number listed below. Heightened security measures in force may delay mail delivery; therefore, we suggest that you also fax any such appeal to (202) 395-9458. In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where we searched for the records you requested.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the FOIA office at (202) 395-3419.

Sincerely,



Melissa Keppel  
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USTR FOIA Office

**FOIA Case File #s: 12082439, 12082440, 12082441, 12082442, 12082443**

**Legend of Expense Types**

Travel – costs airline travel, lodging and per diem for USTR personnel

Security –protection provided to TPP attendees

Meeting Rooms –various meeting rooms reserved at venue during negotiations

Food &amp; Beverage – light refreshments made available to TPP attendees (morning and afternoon breaks)

Supplies – purchases of necessary items required as part of meetings

Equipment Rental – audio visual equipment required to conduct meetings

Administrative Staff Overtime – overtime required for eligible staff support

Internet Access –internet access and usage costs

Event Planning Assistance – event planning vendor services

Shuttle Bus Service – contracted transportation services

Hotel Rooms – rooms used for sleeping overnight

Official Representation Funds – Purchases of food and beverages associated with official reception and meetings with of government officials outside U.S. Trade Representative.

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiating round in San Francisco, California from June 14-18, 2010</b>	
<b>Expense Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Travel	67,033
Security	6,441
Equipment Rental	44,071
Supplies	4,679
Event Planning Assistance	16,771
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$138,995</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiating round in Chicago, Illinois from September 6-15, 2011</b>	
<b>Expense Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Travel	106,173
Representation Funds	825
Food & Beverage	44,000
Meeting Rooms	20,700
Hotel Rooms	5,282
Equipment Rental	198,139
Supplies	6,995
Security	23,735
Administrative Staff Overtime	17,237
Internet Access	18,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$441,086</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiating round in Dallas, Texas from May 8-18, 2012</b>	
<b>Expense Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Travel	132,525
Security	34,554
Meeting Rooms & Food and Beverage	36,016
Equipment Rental	120,649
Supplies	1,360

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$325,104</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiating round in San Diego, California from July 2-10, 2012</b>	
<b>Expense Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Travel	197,467
Security	40,114
Meeting Rooms	49,600
Food & Beverage	74,400
Supplies	1,360
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$362,941</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiating round in Leesburg, Virginia from September 6-15, 2012 Preliminary Costs</b>	
<b>Expense Type</b>	<b>Cost (YTD)</b>
Travel	62,640
Security	46,507
Meeting Rooms	105,000
Equipment Rental	82,476
Shuttle Bus Service	17,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$313,623</b>