



Executive Office of the President
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Today marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Office of the United States Trade Representative. On behalf of all of us at OMB, we would like to extend our warmest congratulations.

Since 1962, USTR has been critical to establishing US trade policy that has opened markets, created U.S. jobs, and bolstered the standard of living for American farmers, manufacturers, small-business owners, and families. Since its inception, USTR has worked to enforce U.S. trade rights, increase American exports, and bring important industries back to our shores. This work has not only strengthened American industry; it has enhanced the economic competitiveness of this country.

Over the course of fifty years, USTR has established 14 free trade agreements with 19 countries and negotiated countless Trade and Investment Framework Agreements (TIFAs) and Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) with countries throughout the world. The most recent free trade agreements with Colombia, Korea and Panama will increase American exports to these key trading partners and support hundreds of thousands of jobs in the U.S. USTR is working hard to secure the Trans Pacific Partnership, which is fundamental to increasing American trade engagement in the important markets of the Asia Pacific. These trade agreements have secured jobs for our workers, strengthened the U.S. economy, and increased the standard of living for American families.

We are very proud of USTR's accomplishments and each and every individual that has contributed to its important work. Today, we congratulate USTR on its fiftieth anniversary, and we join in celebration of its fifty strong years of public service to the American people.