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## USTR Hosts Stakeholder Engagement Events for the Third Round of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP) Negotiations

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Yesterday, hundreds of global stakeholders interested in the current transatlantic trade negotiations shared their input and received information from chief negotiators on the third negotiating round of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP). Stakeholder engagement events are an important opportunity for the U.S. Trade Representative and its trade negotiators to receive feedback on the ongoing talks, with the aim of ensuring the strongest possible outcomes for the T-TIP.

The stakeholder presentations and briefing drew approximately 350 global stakeholders to discuss a variety of issues related to the transatlantic relationship. Negotiators met with and listened to <u>over 50 presentations</u> from representatives of a wide array of interests, including industry, small business, academia, labor unions, environmental groups, and consumer advocacy organizations. Stakeholders also had the opportunity to engage with T-TIP negotiators, ask questions, share viewpoints, and receive feedback directly from the U.S. and EU negotiating teams. The stakeholder event was the latest in a series of formal and informal consultations on T-TIP goals that U.S. T-TIP negotiators have conducted over the past year with Members of Congress, U.S. state government officials, and business, consumer, labor, environmental, and other stakeholders.

Later in the afternoon, Chief U.S. negotiator Dan Mullaney and Chief EU Negotiator Ignacio Garcia-Bercero briefed stakeholders, took questions, and engaged in dialogue on various topics of interest. The negotiating teams welcomed the feedback received during the sessions and look forward to the opportunity to continue this dialogue in the future.

The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP) seeks to promote jobs and growth by adding to the 13 million American and EU jobs already supported by transatlantic trade and investment. The EU is our largest trading partner, with \$2.7 billion worth of goods and services flowing between us each day. The T-TIP offers an opportunity for the U.S. to partner with the EU on an initiative that will build more jobs and spur economic growth, while maintaining the high standards for public health, public safety, and environmental and consumer protection that people on both sides of the Atlantic expect.

For upcoming opportunities in the future, please send your information to IAPE@ustr.eop.gov.

For a full list of organizations that participated in the stakeholder event, please click here.

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