**Sample Letters to the Editor - General Trade Letter**

To the Editor:

With 95 percent of the world’s consumers living outside of the United States, manufacturers need access to markets abroad.

Trade and exports have already paid dividends for [company] and manufacturers across America. Over the last 25 years, manufacturing output in the United States has quadrupled to a record high, which is supported by a quadrupling of U.S. exports of manufactured goods over the same period.

Today, I work for [company,] which sells our products in [name of countries or number of countries]. That growth has helped [company] sustain and add jobs like mine and also spur new investment.

Unfortunately, manufacturers in the United States risk falling behind our competitors, and we face more barriers overseas than many of our competitors in Europe and Asia. Congress and the Administration should move forward on a strong trade agenda that will open markets, level the playing field and give manufacturers and manufacturing employees like me a boost in the global competition for jobs and investment.