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The National Center for APEC Applauds the Senate's Confirmation of Max Baucus as U.S. Ambassador to China

Seattle, WA – The National Center for APEC welcomes the U.S. Senate's vote to confirm Senator Max Baucus of Montana as the next U.S. Ambassador to China.

"We are extremely pleased with the Senate's overwhelming approval of Senator Max Baucus as U.S. Ambassador to China. His more than 30 years of experience in the Senate, including his chairmanship of the Finance Committee, and decades of work to 'deepen the relationship between the U.S. and China,' will be instrumental in facilitating one of the most important bilateral relationships today," noted National Center for APEC President, Monica Hardy Whaley. "In addition to being a leading voice on trade with China, Senator Baucus has long supported U.S. economic engagement in Asia as a whole, including hosting Trade Ministers from APEC economies in Big Sky, Montana in 2011."

Senator Baucus will be replacing Ambassador Gary Locke, former Obama administration Secretary of Commerce and Washington State Governor from 1997-2005.

"Senator Baucus has long been a leader in developing strong relations with the United States' trading partners, particularly in creating new opportunities for America's workers, farmers and ranchers in markets of the Asia-Pacific. His expertise and leadership will be of incalculable value in the vitally important and multi-faceted U.S.-China relationship, " noted Whaley.

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Our programs are characterized by robust, candid discussions between business, government and academia on key trade and economic policy topics in the Asia-Pacific region. Membership is limited to U.S. corporations. The National Center for APEC also functions as a conduit for U.S. businesses into APEC by serving as the Secretariat for the three U.S. executives who are appointed members of the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC).

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