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## **The National Center for APEC Applauds the Senate's Approval of Michael Froman as U.S. Trade Representative**

Seattle, WA – The National Center for APEC applauds the Senate's approval of Michael Froman as U.S. Trade Representative.

“We are delighted by the Senate's unequivocal confirmation of Michael Froman as the next U.S. Trade Representative. The tremendous margin by which he was confirmed is a testament to his leadership and dedication to shaping U.S. trade policy,” noted National Center for APEC President, Monica Hardy Whaley. “As the President's lead representative during the U.S. chairmanship of APEC in 2011, Mr. Froman strengthened the United States' economic engagement with the Asia-Pacific region at a critical juncture, and refocused APEC toward a goal of an integrated regional economy that produces jobs, growth, and prosperity for all of its members.”

Froman's economic expertise and foreign policy experience will aid in upcoming trade negotiations with Asia and Europe, as well as moving forward the final stages of Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations. “The National Center for APEC is confident that he will utilize this experience to continue to build on the strong Asia-Pacific trade agenda that the Administration has advanced via APEC, TPP and trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama.”

The National Center for APEC also looks forward to a swift Senate approval of Penny Pritzker for Secretary of Commerce.

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### **About the National Center for APEC**

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