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Let's not let \$200 billion and global respect slip away

In April, 1993, representatives of 117 countries adopted a history-making General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade that covered services for the first time. Congress needs to act to pass legislation that would implement GATT because the U.S. was the prime force behind these negotiations because many provisions were included at our demand; and because GATT will benefit all Americans.

Expedient approval now will enhance U.S. leadership and show American support for open trade.

The U.S. should not be among the last countries in the world to adopt GATT. GATT will spur economic growth, reduce consumer prices, increase exports and create jobs. It will also boost U.S. gross domestic product by as much as \$200 billion per year.

Increased tax revenue from this growth will more than compensate for decreased tariff revenue.

Failure to adopt implementing legislation now not only erodes U.S. leadership and respect, it makes long term planning difficult for all businesses. It also increases the likelihood that GATT will get weighed down with controversial provisions which could jeopardize passage.

Even though GATT does not cover all of the industries in which EDS participates, we still applaud this treaty. It will improve market access for U.S. companies and ensure better, faster, cheaper goods and services everywhere.

We urge quick approval of GATT. To learn what you can do to help ensure its speedy passage, call 1-800-282-GATT.

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- Internal Process
- Congressional Lobbying
- Outside Consulting Firms
- Coalitions

Corporate Tools-continued

- Executive Engagement
- Political Giving Plan
- Paid Media
- Public Relations

Corporate Tools-continued

- Think tanks and associations
- Grassroots

Questions