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Dear Friends,

I stood shoulder to shoulder with many of you in the snow this past January on the steps of City Hall to show solidarity with the middle class, working families of Staten Island and Brooklyn.

I have been proud to lead the charge in Congress in OPPOSING the Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement (TPP FTA).

Since that snowy day in January I have been successful in working with my colleagues in the Majority in preventing a floor vote from happening on the TPP FTA.

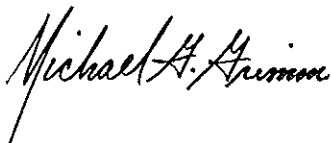
This legislation is a job killer that fails to provide the much needed transparency, accountability and oversight that is needed for a trade agreement of this size. Even worse, TPP opens the door to China to join the alliance of 11 countries in the current pact. The same China, that routinely manipulates its currency and steals American jobs away from our communities every single day.

As President Obama has previously proclaimed, it is time for a “new day in trade.” Unfortunately that day is not today, and this certainly won’t happen if we authorize TPP. All we will be left with is an expanding trade deficit leading to a loss of American jobs. At a time of historically high unemployment, we cannot afford to go down this path. We need to keep the pressure on and continue our OPPOSITION to the TPP FTA

I am proud to be one of the most pro-labor members of the Majority party in Congress and will continue every day to fight against the TPP FTA and make sure that it will never see the light of day.

I come from a labor household, my father worked three jobs to provide food on the table and a roof over his family’s heads and as your Congressman I pledge to you that I will never forget you and I will always fight to protect the middle class, working families of Staten Island and Brooklyn. Rest assured I’ve got your back!

Sincerely,



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