**New Environmental Law Analysis of the TPP Released**

Dear Colleague:

I want to bring your attention to a recently released report by Professor Chris Wold, Director of Lewis & Clark Law School’s International Environmental Law Project, entitled, “Empty Promises and Missed Opportunities: An Assessment of the Environmental Chapter of the Trans-Pacific Partnership.”

This thorough and thoughtful report takes a deep look into the Trans-Pacific Partnership’s (TPP) Environment Chapter. As you work to review the TPP, I urge you to [read this report](http://law.lclark.edu/live/files/20848-assessing-the-tpp-environmental-chapter).

Professor Wold’s analysis focuses on five issues within the TPP’s Environment Chapter: multilateral environmental agreements; illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing; illegal trade in wildlife; protection of marine animals; and climate change. He also reviews the chapter’s enforcement provisions.

Ultimately, he concludes, “The TPP’s environmental provisions are, indeed, weak and unlikely to address the problems of illegal wildlife trade, overfishing, and other environmental concerns described, but not meaningfully addressed, in the TPP. Moreover, the history of previous regional free trade agreements, in which similar issues have been addressed and not enforced, further suggests that the Environment Chapter may be full of empty promises.”

This report analyzes these areas of concern at length. I hope you take these views into consideration as you work to understand better these issues in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress