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VDMA brochure - "TTIP – one machine, two markets"

Dear Commissioner Malmström,

we strongly appreciate your commitment and dedication to TTIP.

As an association representing over 3,100 European mechanical engineering companies, VDMA strongly supports free trade with the US. We firmly believe that a comprehensive TTIP will sustainably benefit companies in the mechanical engineering industry and its three million employees in Europe. We would like to outline the reasons why. Therefore, we have made a brochure entitled "TTIP – one machine, two markets" containing facts, figures and specific examples from the mechanical engineering industry.

VDMA is certainly aware of the fact that TTIP does not concern the mechanical engineering industry alone. Many are sceptical about the negotiations. We take such concerns seriously. However, many of our members react with disappointment when the benefits of TTIP are exclusively associated with the interests of large corporations in the public debate. But the notion that Europe's free trade greatly benefits small and medium-sized companies is true - mechanical engineering provides the best example of that.

The mechanical engineering industry is a genuine argument in favour of free trade with the US. Please feel free to use this example and if you have any questions regarding our brochure or if you need further information, please call us to arrange a meeting or a visit to one of our companies. We would be pleased to discuss even contentious issues with you because fighting for a fair TTIP is well worthwhile.

Kind regards

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