

bid farewell to our chief trade counsel, Debbie Lamb, who joined the Finance Committee staff over 10 years ago, in June 1990. Ms. Lamb has played an integral part in every major piece of trade legislation over the past decade—from the NAFTA and the Uruguay Round to our attempts to renew so-called fast-track negotiating authority to the two pieces of trade legislation that we passed this year: The Trade and Development Act of 2000, and now, at last, PNTR for China. Her knowledge and dedication to our committee's work has been exemplary. She is something that is very rare in Washington—a person with great breadth and great depth. The committee and I will miss her deeply as she leaves today to pursue the next phase of a distinctly distinguished career.

## EXHIBIT 1

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, September 12, 2000.

Hon. DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN,  
U.S. Senate,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR MOYNIHAN: I want to commend you for commencing debate on H.R. 4444, which would extend Permanent Normal Trade Relations to the People's Republic of China. This crucial legislation will help ensure our economic prosperity, reinforce our work on human rights, and enhance our national security.

Normalizing our trade relationship with China will allow American workers, farmers, and businesspeople to benefit from increased access to the Chinese market. It will also give us added tools to promote increased openness and change in Chinese society, and increase our ability to work with China across the broad range of our mutual interests.

I want to address two specific areas that I understand may be the subject of debate in the Senate. One is Taiwan's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). There should be no question that my Administration is firmly committed to Taiwan's accession to the WTO, a point I reiterated in September 8 meeting with President Jiang Zemin. Based on our New York discussions with the Chinese, I am confident we have a common understanding that both China and Taiwan will be invited to accede to the WTO at the same WTO General Council session, and that Taiwan will join the WTO under the language agreed to in 1992, namely as the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (referred to as "Chinese Taipei"). The United States will not accept any other outcome.

The other area is nonproliferation, specifically the proposals embodied in an amendment offered by Senator Fred Thompson. Preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them is a key goal of my Administration. However, I believe this amendment is unfair and unnecessary, and would hurt our nonproliferation efforts.

Nonproliferation has been a priority in our dealings with China. We have pressed China successfully to join the Nonproliferation Treaty, the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Biological Weapons Convention, and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and to cease cooperation with Iran's nuclear program. Today, we are seeking further restraints, but these efforts would be subverted—and existing progress could be reversed—by this mandatory sanctions bill which would single out companies based on an unreasonably low standard of suspicion,

instead of proof. It would apply a different standard for some countries than others, undermining our global leadership on nonproliferation. Automatic sanctions, such as cutting off dual-use exports to China, would hurt American workers and companies. Other sanctions, such as restricting access to U.S. capital markets, could harm our economy by undermining confidence in our markets. I believe this legislation would do more harm than good.

The American people are counting on the Congress to pass H.R. 4444. I urge you and your colleagues to complete action on the bill as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON.

Mr. ROTH. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Yes, of course.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I only want to echo what my friend and distinguished ranking member has said about Debbie. We have accomplished a lot in the area of trade in recent years, and so much of the credit should go to the staff who have worked so hard and so long. Top among those is Debbie Lamb, who has been available not only to her side, but has been most helpful to the majority as well. Sometimes I think people don't recognize the cooperation that often exists between Members of the two parties. But I think what Debbie has done shows that bipartisanship is still alive. We would not be here celebrating today's vote if not for her splendid contribution.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. I say to our chairman, as evidenced by the fact that this measure was reported 19-1 in the Finance Committee.

I thank the Chair. We are at a moment of history and the omens are excellent.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, in keeping with the words of my distinguished colleague about Debbie, I want to say a few words of thanks to all those who worked so hard on this bill.

Of course, first, I have to thank my dear friend, our venerable colleague, and always gracious ranking member of the Finance Committee, PAT MOYNIHAN. It would never have been possible to be here today with the kind of vote I think we are going to enjoy if it had not been for PAT's leadership, for his knowledge and background, and his ability to bring people together. I thank him for his outstanding contributions.

I also thank Senators GRASSLEY, THOMAS, HAGEL, ROBERTS, and ROD GRAMS for helping manage the floor. We were on this legislation something like 11 days. There were times when PAT and I were called from the floor for other duties. It was most helpful to have these other individual colleagues helping manage the floor.

Again, I thank all of Senator MOYNIHAN's committee staff who are just as gracious as the Senator for whom they work. We have already talked about Debbie Lamb. But David Podoff—I want to express my warm thanks to you for bringing your expertise to bear on this legislative process. I agree with Senator MOYNIHAN. This is probably the most important piece of legislation

that will be adopted this year, if not this decade. But again, it could not have happened without people such as Dave.

I would also like to thank Linda Menghetti, and Timothy Hogan, as well as Therese Lee, who I think was such a help as a member of the Senator's personal staff.

Finally, let me thank my own staff. I would like to claim that I have the best staff on the Hill. I certainly have one of the best, if not the very best.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Sir, we have the best staffs.

(Laughter.)

Mr. ROTH. I yield to my distinguished Senator on that point. I stand corrected.

But, again, I really want to thank my personal staff, and my trade staff, whether it is Frank Polk, who is always there when you need him, and Grant Aldonas, Faryar Shirzad, Tim Keeler, J.T. Young, and Carrie Clark from the Finance Committee. I also particularly want to thank John Duncan and Dan Bob from my personal office. Dan is really one of our great experts on Asia, and on international politics in general. I owe him so much for his help during these last 2 weeks. Thank you all for a job well done.

Let me say it is an honor and pleasure to work with the ranking member.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. My honor, sir.

Mr. ROTH. I yield the floor.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Wyoming.

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UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 4516

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII, that immediately following the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the H-1B legislation, the Senate proceed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4516, the legislative branch appropriations bill. I further ask unanimous consent that there be 2 hours for debate equally divided between the two managers, with an additional hour under the control of Senator MCCAIN, 1 hour under the control of Senator THOMAS, and 90 minutes under the control of Senator KENNEDY. Finally, I ask unanimous consent that following the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to a vote on the adoption of the conference report, with no intervening action or debate. I add, provided that 30 minutes of the Democrat manager's time be under the control of Senator WELLSTONE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 12:30 p.m. having arrived, the Senate will