



May 10, 2013

Mr. Douglas Bell, Chair
Trade Policy Staff Committee
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508

RE: [USTR-2013-0019]

Dear Chairman Bell:

American Pistachio Growers (APG) would like to request to testify at USTR's hearing being held on May 29th and 30th concerning the proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) agreement with the European Union. Mr. Thomas Dille, Vice Chairman, American Pistachio Growers, will provide comments on the APG's trade objectives for TTIP negotiations.

Testimony Summary

APG's objectives for the TTIP negotiations are the following: the economic costs and/or benefits in removing tariffs and non-tariff barriers, product sensitivities, customs measures including rules of origin, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, regulatory compatibility including ideas on how to create greater compatibility, and administrative costs/delays due to regulatory differences.

Thank you and we will look forward to expanding on the above topics during the hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Matoian".

Richard Matoian
Executive Director