MEMORANDUM

To: Reporters and Editors

From: The Communications Office of Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.)

Re: Baucus Comment on Trade Adjustment Assistance and Pending Free Trade Agreements

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) commented today on Congress adjourning without passing Trade Adjustment Assistance and the pending free trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama. From Chairman Baucus:

"It is past time to come together to pass this package of Trade Adjustment Assistance and the free trade agreements to boost our economy and create jobs here at home. Every day this package languishes is another day ranchers, farmers and small businesses in Montana and across the country lose market share and it's another day jobless Americans do not get the training they need to get back to work. As we open new markets for American goods with these free trade agreements, we have a duty to make sure U.S. workers have all the resources to succeed in a global economy – and TAA is the way to do just that. Finding common ground to pass this package must be a top priority when we return in September."

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