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ATR Statement on passage of Speaker Pelosi's motion stripping the fast-track provision from Colombia FTA

"Unprecedented" move has harmed economy and US credibility

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform, released the following statement regarding Speaker Pelosi's altering the US-Colombia Free Trade Agreement against the terms originally agreed upon in the deal.

"Who would negotiate a trade deal with us now, if that deal can be altered based upon the purely political whims of the moment? This unprecedented maneuver of altering an agreement after negotiations were completed has damaged the credibility of the United States in the eyes of our allies and trading partners," Norquist said. "By altering the rules after the deal was done, the Democrat majority has shown a willingness to turn their backs on our closest ally in South America for purely political reasons, at a time when they need us most. This is an agreement that only brings benefits and security to jobs in the U.S., but the protectionist rhetoric of Pelosi and company this election season proves that they are so beholden to Big Labor that they are willing to forsake what is best for America just to please the check-writers."

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all federal, state and local tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or at jkartch@atr.org.

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