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Office of the Governor  
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Office of the Honorable Brian Sandoval  
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Dear Governor Sandoval,

The U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration recently announced that in 2012, 11 states achieved double-digit export growth over the previous year. Nevada recorded 28 percent growth in 2012 which ranked third out of the eleven states. The success of your state's exports warrants recognition and I would like to congratulate you for this accomplishment.

The continued growth of American exports is vital to job creation and the success of the U.S. economy. U.S. exports supported 9.8 million jobs in 2012 which represents a growth of 1.3 million jobs since 2009. This growth would not have been possible without your contributions.

The remarkable growth of exports in your state points to the continued success of President Obama's National Export Initiative, in which the President outlined his goal to double U.S. exports by the end of 2014. We are making significant progress toward that goal, with U.S. exports totaling 2.2 trillion in 2012, the largest annual export total in U.S. history.

Now more than ever, it is important that states champion and encourage participation in export driven markets. Companies across the United States are discovering the potential growth and profits made available by exporting their goods and services to new markets. As a state, the benefits of empowering these companies to successfully export goods and services will be both widespread and immediate.

I would ask that you continue to educate companies about the tremendous opportunities afforded a company that exports as well as informing them of the numerous federal services available to help them.

Here at the International Trade Administration, we stand ready to help and through our United States Export Assistance Centers located in your state, teach small businesses to expand into international market opportunities.

I look forward to partnering with you on this effort. Please don't hesitate to call our Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs at 202-482-3015 for more information.

Sincerely,

Francisco J. Sánchez



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