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**THE JOINT INDUSTRY GROUP  
COMMENTS REGARDING HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE  
HEARING ON CUSTOMS TRADE FACILITATION AND ENFORCEMENT IN A SECURE  
ENVIRONMENT**

The Joint Industry Group (JIG) is pleased to offer comments on the House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee Hearing on Customs Trade Facilitation and Enforcement in a Secure Environment. JIG is a coalition of firms actively involved in international trade. Members include manufacturers, customs brokers, importers, exporters, trade associations, law firms, and accounting firms. JIG engages federal agencies and the Obama Administration on a variety of international trade-related issues. We work closely with U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Congress to promote trade policy that supports both border enforcement and trade facilitation.

JIG would first like to thank the House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee for convening this hearing. We commend Congress for its efforts to heighten port and border security without impeding the flow of legitimate international commerce. Various threats to national security created a need for Congress to focus on enhancing security. While security has been greatly enhanced, JIG urges Congress' continual consideration of the impact any legislation will have on the flow of trade. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are absolutely critical to the economic health and physical security of our country. [...]

**SUCCESSFUL AND TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AUTOMATED COMMERCIAL ENVIRONMENT (ACE) AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE DATA SYSTEM (ITDS)**

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**ADVANCED DATA SECURITY INITIATIVES SUCH AS “10+2” AND SECURITY PROGRAMS LIKE THE CUSTOMS-TRADE PARTNERSHIP AGAINST TERRORISM (C-TPAT) CAN PROVIDE SECURITY AND BETTER FACILITATE LEGITIMATE TRADE**

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JIG enjoyed a close collaborative relationship with CBP in the discussions and rulemakings pertinent to advance data security initiatives. We wish to iterate our strong support for the strategy requiring advance electronic submission of shipment and transportation data elements in return for enhanced security and safety, expedited shipment processing, and timely notification of federal targeting and screening messages.

**MANAGEMENT BY ACCOUNT AS A MODEL FOR MANAGING THE IMPORTING PROCESS AND FACILITATING LEGITIMATE TRADE**

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**CBP'S STRUCTURE, POLICIES AND OPERATIONS IN RELATION TO ITS TRADE FACILITATION AND COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS**

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**CBP AND ICE CHALLENGES IN REVENUE COLLECTION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT**

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