

all the blood, sweat, and tears that they need to do in order to achieve that dream. And so when we think about our small businesses, just remember that's what keeps our communities and our country strong, and we should be doing everything in our power to help them succeed. If, here in America, you're willing to work hard and dream big, you should have your shot at success.

Jeanne's understood that, and in fact, she's going to be going back into the private sector and helping small businesses back in Maine. I told her she might have wanted to stay here until the winter is over—[laughter]—but she's eager to get back, and she's already stayed longer than she originally intended.

And I know this is something that Maria understands. Maria, on the way in, told me a wonderful story about how her grandmother back in Mexico, who was a migrant worker, said to her that if she worked hard and studied, stayed in school, that someday she'd be able to work in an office as a secretary and really make her proud. And she ended up being the Secretary of Health and Human—or Business De-

velopment and Transportation in California. And now she's going to be helping the folks who are following behind her achieve their dreams. That's what America is all about.

So Maria is fulfilling the vision of her grandma in ways that maybe are not entirely expected. And I'm confident that she's going to put her heart and soul into making sure that all the other people who are out there striving and trying to achieve their dreams can succeed as well. That's what this administration is about, and I'm looking forward to working with her.

So thank you very much. Give them a big round of applause.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:46 p.m. in the South Court Auditorium of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building. In his remarks, he referred to Rafael, Francesca, and Antonio Sweet, children of Administrator-designate Contreras-Sweet; Deborah Carey, founder and president, and Dan Carey, co-owner and brewmaster, New Glarus Brewing Co.; and Casey Patten and Dave Mazza, owners, Taylor Gourmet.

## Statement on Representative James P. Moran's Decision Not To Seek Reelection

January 15, 2014

In his 23 years in the United States Congress, Jim Moran has pushed to create jobs and economic opportunity for hard-working Virginians and has consistently demonstrated a commitment to growing a strong American economy. And because of Jim's leadership, our

brave servicemembers and veterans are better protected, our civil service is stronger, and our air and water are cleaner and safer. Michelle and I thank Congressman Moran for his service, and we wish him and his family the very best in the future.

## Directive on United States Conventional Arms Transfer Policy

January 15, 2014

Presidential Policy Directive/PPD-27

*Subject:* United States Conventional Arms Transfer Policy

Conventional weapons have continued to play a decisive role in armed conflict in the early 21st century and will remain legitimate in-

struments for the defense and security policy of responsible nations for the foreseeable future. In the hands of hostile or irresponsible state and non-state actors, however, these weapons can exacerbate international tensions, foster instability, inflict substantial damage, enable transnational organized crime, and be used to violate universal human rights. There-