

Letter to Congressional Leaders on the Designation of David S. Johanson as Vice Chair of the United States International Trade Commission August 11, 2016

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

Sincerely,

Consistent with the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1330(c)(1), this is to notify the Congress that I have designated David S. Johanson as Vice Chair of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2018.

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NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Paul D. Ryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the Senate.

Statement on International Youth Day August 12, 2016

Today, on International Youth Day, we celebrate the potential and power of young people to shape the future of our increasingly interconnected world. With over half of the global population under the age of 30, young generations will find the solutions to some of our toughest global challenges.

The United States is committed to providing opportunity for young people to ensure they are not only the leaders of tomorrow, but also change agents today. Whether it is ensuring boys and girls have equal access to education, building skills to strengthen youth leadership in civil society, business, and academia, or providing a young entrepreneur with the capital and network to grow a startup, we are investing in the potential of the next generation. Through our Young Leaders Initiatives, nearly

half a million young people are working together to learn from one another and effect change in their communities.

Youth are often the voices at the forefront of advocating for societies to advance and improve, whether on issues of human rights, technology, climate change, or health care. From the activist in Nigeria fighting for disability rights to the human rights advocate in Egypt defending the fundamental freedoms of all Egyptians to speech, assembly, and association, and the Paraguayan manufacturing low-cost prosthetics, young people see a world of endless possibility and are not waiting to take action to do what is right.

Today we commemorate the energetic spirit of young people worldwide and their ability to improve the future of humanity.

The President's Weekly Address August 13, 2016

Hi, everybody. One of the most urgent challenges of our time is climate change. We know that 2015 surpassed 2014 as the warmest year on record, and 2016 is on pace to be even hotter.

When I took office, I said this was something we couldn't kick down the road any longer, that our children's future depended on our action. So we've got to work, and over the past 7½ years, we've made ambitious investments in clean energy and ambitious reduc-

tions in our carbon emissions. We've multiplied wind power threefold. We've multiplied solar power more than thirtyfold. In parts of America, these clean power sources are finally cheaper than dirtier, conventional power. And carbon pollution from our energy sector is at its lowest level in 25 years, even as we're continuing to grow our economy.

We've invested in energy efficiency, and we're slashing carbon emissions from appliances,