



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Mr. Edward Armstrong

Dear Ed:

I was proud to sign H.R. 4444 into law on October 10, and I want to thank you for your steadfast support for my Administration's efforts to extend Permanent Normal Trade Relations to China. As you know, this important legislation will contribute to economic prosperity in our nation and promote greater economic freedom in China. Opening markets abroad for our goods and services will continue to create opportunity here at home; bringing China into the global community increases the prospects for openness in China and a more peaceful future for our world.

Your active involvement, and that of many of your colleagues, was instrumental in achieving this important victory, and I hope we can continue working together to encourage the forces of positive change in China. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Bill Clinton*