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Dear Representative Wolf:

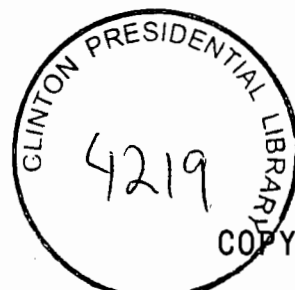
Thank you for your letter ~~exp~~ concerning permanent Normal Trade Relations (NTR) status for China. I share your concerns about China's human rights practices and have made promoting human rights and the rule of law a priority objective for U.S. foreign policy.

I am pleased that the United States and China have concluded a strong bilateral WTO accession agreement. I firmly believe that this agreement is good for America, good for China and good for the world economy. The agreement will create unprecedented opportunities for American farmers, workers and companies to compete successfully in China's market, while bringing increased prosperity to the people of China. Americans will ~~only~~ enjoy all of these benefits, however, only if we grant China permanent normal trade relations. Unless we grant China permanent NTR, our companies would be at a significant disadvantage, for their foreign competitors would reap the rewards of this agreement and China's membership in the WTO.

But this is more than an ordinary trade agreement. With this agreement, China has embraced principles of economic openness, transparency and competition that will bolster China's economic reforms and advance the rule of law. So I view China's entry into the WTO, and the granting of permanent NTR, as essential to advancing openness, fundamental rights and the rule of law in China.

~~To meet this objective, we~~ continue to ~~are~~ advance these objectives in other ways. We are ~~...~~ supporting efforts to advance the rule of law in China; we sponsored a China resolution at the UN Human Rights Commission last year in Geneva; and we have made clear to Beijing our relationship will not reach its full potential until there is significant progress in these important areas.

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~~Achievement of progress in the trade area will not diminish our resolve to achieve core objectives such as human rights and nonproliferation. On the contrary, I am convinced that economic reform and openness to the outside world spurred on by our agreement will, over time, boost progress toward all of our important goals in China.~~

~~The November 15 deal we struck with China is profoundly in the interest of the United States, but unless we provide permanent NTR to the Chinese, our companies and farmers will not gain the increased access to China's market that American teams negotiated over the course of 13 years. This would put our citizens at a competitive disadvantage relative to all other World Trade Organization (WTO) members who would reap the benefits of the deal we negotiated. I firmly believe that all of our core foreign policy interests will be well served by China's WTO accession and our granting China permanent NTR status.~~

You raised two additional issues that are closely intertwined. Suspicions have been raised about China's long-term military ambitions and its approach to dealing with tension in the Taiwan Strait. I believe we will have a hostile and antagonistic relationship with China if we treat it now as if it were our enemy. We have both differences and common ground with China, and it is in the interest of the American people to pursue a China policy that accurately reflects both these aspects of our relationship.

Taiwan will also accede to the WTO in the near future. Bringing these two economies into the WTO holds great promise for deepening constructive ties between Taiwan and the PRC that could help stabilize the region and increase the prosperity of Chinese on both sides of the Taiwan Strait.

I believe that the American people and American interests are best served by a decision to provide permanent NTR status to China; this is an issue of critical importance to all Americans.

Again, thank you for writing on this important matter.

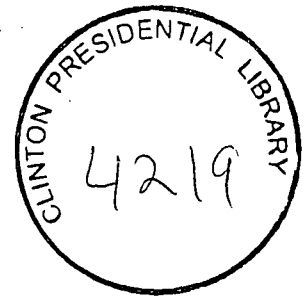
Sincerely,



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