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Dear Colleagues,

Before the summer I wrote to you drawing your attention to the oral statement I made to the House, outlining the Government's commitments to an inclusive and transparent trade policy. The Government also opened consultations on our intention to seek free trade agreements with the US, Australia and New Zealand, and to potential accession to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTTP).

For the last twelve weeks, to support the consultations, my department has been running a series of outreach events seeking views from the broadest possible range of stakeholders from throughout the UK on what matters the government should be taking into account in deciding how to approach these potential trade negotiations. A list of these events follows at the end of this letter.

The consultations close on 26 October. I am keen to ensure as many people as possible, from across all parts of the UK, engage in these consultations. Please encourage your constituents to respond before they close next Friday to ensure their voices are heard.

More details can be found at <u>https://consultations.trade.gov.uk</u>.

My department is also running a Twitter campaign to increase awareness of the consultations. Please feel free to retweet these posts to show your support.

Yours faithfully,

THE RT HON DR LIAM FOX MP Secretary of State, Department for International Trade & President of the Board of Trade

DIT Events to support the Consultations

Location	Date	Delivery partner
Edinburgh	5 th September	SCDI
Manchester	21 st September	BAB
Exeter	28 th September	СВІ
London	5 th October	СВІ
Birmingham	1 st October	BAB
Norwich	3 rd October	СВІ
Belfast	4 th October	Invest NI
Nottingham	8 th October	Geldarts via ITI.
Durham	10 th October	BCC
Leeds	12 th October	TUC
Cardiff	15 th October	BCC
Reading	17 th October	FSB
Webinar	22 nd Oct	FSB