

## Coalition for Economic Partnerships in the Americas Launches to Promote Regional Trade and Job Growth

**WASHINGTON, D.C., (November 30, 2021)** -- The <u>Coalition for Economic Partnerships in the Americas</u> (CEPA), a new group of major American companies and manufacturers dedicated to promoting regional trade and job growth, launched today. CEPA brings together companies, trade associations, think tanks, and other stakeholders focused on addressing the humanitarian, security, and economic crisis in the Americas by dedicating resources, experience, and expertise towards creating enduring humanitarian, worker-centric, and sustainable solutions that work for the United States and Central America.

"For far too long, the U.S.-Central America economic relationship has failed to reach its full potential, suppressing employment, investment, economic growth, and shared regional prosperity," **said CEPA spokesperson Beth Hughes**. "President Biden, Vice President Harris, and Ambassador Tai have an opportunity to do what previous administrations ignored: to structure trade to support investment in the United States and our allies in Central America. In order for our economy to thrive, we must eliminate the bureaucratic red tape that hinders production and investment in the region. We look forward to working with the Biden-Harris administration and Congress to advance common sense policies that put regional economic prosperity first."

A recent <u>economic study</u> conducted by the Mosbacher Institute for Trade, Economics, and Public Policy at Texas A&M found the United States can address the root causes of instability in Central America by creating jobs, reducing poverty, and contributing to economic growth through international trade.

Millions of workers in the Americas understand that good jobs and a stable, growing economy free of corruption can help solve many of the problems that plague our hemisphere. These workers are in different places, possess varying skills, but share a common dream and drive to make our hemisphere better. CEPA stands with these workers to realize their aspirations in a common effort for a brighter future.

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