

4 February 2016

Rt Hon John Key
Prime Minister of New Zealand
Parliament Buildings
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Wellington 6160

Dear Prime Minister

On behalf of New Zealand kiwifruit growers, I would like to thank and congratulate the government on today's successful signing of the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP). Particularly Ministers Groser and McClay and government officials from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Ministry for Primary Industries.

This significant achievement will greatly benefit kiwifruit growers through the reduction of tariffs to our offshore markets. In particular, our largest market Japan, where last year alone we paid over \$15 million in tariffs.

As a small trading country, New Zealand relies heavily on exporting what it grows and produces to remain prosperous. Therefore, it is essential New Zealand is part of trade agreements such as the TPP to be highly competitive and to secure and strengthen our access to trading markets.

The kiwifruit industry is firmly on the fast road to recovery following the impacts of Psa and is now set for strong growth into the future due to rising gold volumes. The TPP is another very welcome result for growers following last year's negotiated Free Trade Agreement with Korea, enabling kiwifruit growers to plan their own business growth with greater confidence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D.T.B.", with a long, sweeping underline.

Doug Brown, Chairman
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Cc: Hon Todd McClay, Minister for Trade
Hon Nathan Guy, Minister for Primary Industries