Statement from Ambassador Tai on Bianchi, White nominations

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WASHINGTON – Ambassador Katherine Tai today released the following statement after President Biden announced his intent to nominate Sarah Bianchi and Jayme White as Deputy United States Trade Representatives.

"Sarah Bianchi and Jayme White have the expertise USTR needs at a critical moment for the country, and the world. Sarah Bianchi’s deep knowledge of domestic policy and her experience on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and in the private sector will be a great resource to USTR as we integrate domestic and international economic goals in our trade policy. Having worked on trade issues for more than two decades, Jayme White understands the importance of developing bipartisan support for U.S. trade policy that will benefit all Americans. I look forward to drawing on their collective judgement and vast experience as we advance President Biden’s vision to increase American competitiveness and Build Back Better."

Biographical Information:

Sarah Bianchi, Deputy United States Trade Representative
Sarah Bianchi has spent nearly a decade in government roles in economic and domestic policy including in the Office of the Vice President, the White House Domestic Policy Council, the Office of Management and Budget and the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. In 2011, Ms. Bianchi was appointed by then Vice President Biden as his head of economic and domestic policy where she ran the economic and domestic policy team in the Office of the Vice President and coordinated all policy initiatives ranging from workforce competitiveness to manufacturing to budget negotiations. She also served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy. Bianchi has also served as a senior advisor to the Biden Institute at the University of Delaware where she worked on a variety of economic policies and served as Chair of the Institute’s Policy Advisory Board.

Bianchi has served in a number of private sector roles as well. Most recently, she joined Evercore ISI in 2019 in the macroeconomic research group where
she leads the United States public policy research. She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in 1995 and has served on the Senior Advisory Committee at the Institute of Politics at Harvard University since 2004. Bianchi and her husband have a twelve-year-old daughter and ten-year-old son and live in Arlington Virginia.

Jayme White, Deputy United States Trade Representative
Jayme White has spent two decades working to ensure American trade policy empowers American workers and promotes a sustainable environment. Mr. White grew up in Seattle, WA, where his family were union workers for Boeing. He went to Washington, DC to work for his hometown member of Congress in the House of Representatives, Representative Jim McDermott, who served on the Committee on Ways and Means, which has jurisdiction over international trade. Since then, he has played a role in nearly every major trade issue and trade legislation, over the last 20 years.

Mr. White has served in the US Senate since 2009, including as the chief trade advisor for the Senate Committee on Finance since 2014, under the leadership of Chairman Ron Wyden. During this tenure, White led efforts to level the playing field for American workers, through trade negotiations and agreements, and by reforming US trade laws to better respond to unfair foreign trade practices. In his role on the Finance Committee, he has long represented and advanced bipartisan US views to foreign trade leaders, and the outcomes of those efforts are evident in many trade agreements. Key provisions -- especially enforceable measures on labor and the environment -- found in the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) are a result of his efforts.

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