



National Lieutenant Governors Association

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LT. GOVERNORS GAIN FEDERAL ADVISORY POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Lieutenant governors and the seconds-in-command of the states and territories will be directly supporting state economic development thru a new, shared opportunity. Through the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA), the nation's lieutenant governors may provide policy advice on international trade matters with a significant relationship to state and territorial governments.

"Improving global competitiveness is a key economic development strategy, so it's imperative that lieutenant governors are part of the conversation," said **Connecticut Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, NLGA Chair**. "By strengthening trade policy and ensuring it is working for everyone—from the producers on the ground to the international marketplace—we can build lasting partnerships among states and nations."

NLGA Director and CEO Julia Hurst will represent NLGA as one of 19 people on the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee on Trade (IGPAC) of the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in the Office of the U.S. President. The USTR and IGPAC help develop and coordinate U.S. policy on international trade, commodity, and direct investment, and oversee negotiations with other countries.

The committee was established by the U.S. Congress to ensure trade policy and negotiating objectives adequately reflect the interests of state, territorial, and local governments. The IGPAC is offered opportunity to make recommendations to the USTR and relevant Cabinet and sub-Cabinet members of the President's Cabinet.

"Lieutenant governors know the global marketplace holds both challenges and opportunities for economic development," said **Iowa Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds, NLGA Chair-Elect**. "The NLGA and its members commit to engage thru this position with the USTR to develop and promote international trade strategies which support jobs opportunities here at home."

"American trade policy works to open markets throughout the world to create new opportunities and higher living standards for families, farmers, manufacturers, workers, consumers, and businesses," said Hurst.

The United States is party to numerous trade agreements with other countries, and is participating in negotiations for new trade agreements with a number of countries and regions of the world.

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