



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

May 3, 2016

The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pompeo:

I am honored to inform you that a company in your district, Balco, Inc. a CSWI Company, will be receiving an "E" Award, the highest honor the United States Government can give to an American exporter and export service provider. In 1961, President Kennedy created this award to recognize companies supporting the expansion of U.S. exports, and today we continue that tradition.

Balco, Inc. exemplifies America's economic dynamism and leadership, and company officials recognize the importance exports have on creating jobs and strengthening the U.S. economy.

During World Trade Week, I will be hosting a ceremony at the Department of Commerce to honor this year's winners and would like to invite you to attend. The ceremony is a celebration of the important role that American businesses play in the global economy. With 96% of the world's consumers living beyond U.S. borders, we must continue to create new opportunities for American companies to sell their goods and services overseas, and our "E" Award recipients are at the vanguard of this effort.

The 2016 President's "E" Award Ceremony is slated to take place on May 16, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. at the Department of Commerce in the Herbert C. Hoover Building Auditorium.

Our Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs staff will follow up with your office to answer any questions and confirm your participation. I hope you will join me at the awards ceremony.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Penny Pritzker".

Penny Pritzker