

The President has hit a double, but he has yet to score on trade.

First, he set a great goal in his State of the Union address — doubling exports in five years. It's achievable — we've done it before, and we can do it again. This goal will help focus attention within the new export promotion cabinet.

Second, with revitalized export council, he'll be getting great real world advice from the CEOs of Boeing and Xerox and others.

But the president has yet to put points on the board because we are standing still on new trade agreements.

The Chamber's plan to boost exports starts with opening foreign markets, too many of which shut out U.S. manufactured goods and farm products with steep tariffs even though our market is open.

The pending trade agreements with Panama, Colombia and Korea would be a jobs stimulus that costs the U.S. taxpayer almost nothing.

Our trade competitors—including the European Union and Canada—are about to enact their own accords with these countries. The Chamber estimates more than 380,000 Americans will lose their jobs if we fail to enact our own agreements while our competitors move forward.

Beyond our borders you will find 95% of the world's customers, 87% of its economic growth, and 73% of its buying power.