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ECAT JOINS SUGAR POLICY ALLIANCE IN SUPPORT OF SUGAR REFORM

Reform Is Critical for Spurring Progress on Doha Development Agenda Negotiations to Level the Playing Field for U.S. Farmers, Manufacturers and Service Providers

Washington, D.C., April 26, 2007: Calman Cohen, President of the Emergency Committee for American Trade (ECAT), made the following statement:

“ECAT welcomes the creation of the Sugar Policy Alliance to promote reform of the U.S. sugar program in the 2007 farm bill. As a founding member, ECAT strongly supports work to ensure that U.S. sugar policy does not undermine sugar-consuming industries or the creation of new opportunities for economic growth through trade liberalization.

“The Sugar Policy Alliance just released a statement with 75 signatories, from sugar-using companies to trade associations to consumer and taxpayer groups, calling on Congress to make American sugar policy more market-oriented, less reliant on government regulation of supply, and more consistent with a pro-growth international trade policy.

“ECAT is committed to working with the community of companies, associations, and non-governmental organizations in the Sugar Policy Alliance in support of meaningful, workable, and equitable reforms that will advance economic opportunities domestically and through trade and investment liberalization.”

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Founded in 1967, ECAT is an organization of the heads of leading U.S. international business enterprises representing all major sectors of the American economy. Their annual worldwide sales total nearly \$2.4 trillion and they employ approximately five and one-half million persons. ECAT's purpose is to promote economic growth through the expansion of international trade and investment.