CPA appreciates the improvements negotiated by the USTR. We await the implementing bill to decide whether we support or oppose.

The Good

Rules of origin: Strengthened for the automotive, chemical and other sectors

Labor content rules: 40-45% of the value of automobiles must be made by workers making at least $16/hr

Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS): Terminated as to Canada and severely curtailed as to Mexico

Currency manipulation: Though the prohibition text is not as strong as it could be, this issue makes its debut in this agreement

Cross-border trucking: The US can adopt new restrictions on unsafe Mexican domiciled carriers

Labor standards: Improved rules relating to violence, migrant workers, the right to strike, forced labor and child labor

Needs Improvement

-Country of origin labeling for beef and pork
-Enforceability of labor standards
-Prohibit the relabeling of imported meat packages as “Product of the USA” which is currently, but wrongly, allowed by USDA regulations