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## **Statement from Senator Dodd on the TPP Signing in New Zealand**

WASHINGTON – Trade ministers from the twelve Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) nations gathered in New Zealand today to sign the historic trade agreement, a precursor to the ratification process. The following is a statement from MPAA Chairman and CEO Senator Chris Dodd:

“Today’s signing of the Trans-Pacific Partnership is an important step toward enacting a trade agreement of enormous international and economic significance. The core principles in the TPP – including open markets and strong copyright protections – will allow the U.S. film and television industry to better compete in foreign markets and create even more economic growth and American jobs. We thank Ambassador Froman and the entire USTR team for their continued dedication to advancing the TPP and strengthening U.S. competitiveness around the world.”

### **About the MPAA**

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