

January 19, 2006

H.E. Maqbool Bin Ali Sultan
Minister of Commerce and Industry
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Sultanate of Oman

Dear Mr. Minister:

In connection with the signing on this date of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement (the "Agreement"), I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached by the Governments of the United States of America and the Sultanate of Oman regarding the Agreement:

No provision of this Agreement shall be construed as imposing any obligation on a Party regarding its immigration measures.

I would be grateful if you would confirm that your Government shares this understanding and have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, to enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Rob Portman