

Washington, DC (October 12, 2011) - On Wednesday, the U.S. House of Representatives approved three free trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama. Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09) applauded the passage.

"These long-awaited bipartisan agreements will help create thousands of jobs here at home and will have a long-term positive impact on our economy," he said. "For too long, America has been losing ground to foreign competitors and I am pleased the House acted on these measures, which will open up new markets for American goods and make us more competitive globally."

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, nearly 147,000 jobs are supported by exports throughout Florida, and nearly 27,000 of those are in the 9th Congressional District.

Once enacted, these three trade agreements will create 250,000 additional jobs in America.