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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

Trade is a vital component for America's economic well being. The recent vote in the U.S. House of Representatives on a trade agreement between the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador and the U.S. is real-time recognition of this fact.

More than half of IBM's revenue comes from doing business outside of the U.S., which means we absolutely must sell our products and services overseas to thrive and prosper. With the passage of the Central American Free Trade Agreement, we can now become closer trading partners with countries that are scarcely a half-day away from the U.S. CAFTA means expanded opportunities for many Colorado companies like IBM.

The stance taken by Rep. (Marilyn) Musgrave (R-Colo.) to further this goal is the right one for her district, the state and all Americans. We praise her for recognizing the unquestionable link between trade and prosperity. She took a broad and reasoned view of the issue and voted in favor of economic benefit for the entire state of Colorado.

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