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### **International Trade Leader Grant Aldonas Joins the Board of the Global Fairness Initiative**

Grant D. Aldonas, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade from 2001-2005, joins the Board of Directors of the Global Fairness Initiative (GFI), a non-profit organization that promotes innovative economic models through multi-stakeholder processes designed to expand the benefits of trade and the global economy.

GFI Board Chair Bill Clinton remarked that "Grant Aldonas is a forward-looking thinker and brings an array of skills to the GFI Board, including his ability to address challenging issues with integrity, honesty, and a commitment to implementing change."

As Under Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Aldonas worked on expanding overseas trade opportunities for American goods, services, capital and ideas. Mr. Aldonas also served as Executive Director of the President's Export Council and on the Board of Directors of the U.S. Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

Prior to his work at the Commerce Department, Mr. Aldonas served as Chief International Trade Counsel to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. During Mr. Aldonas' tenure, Congress passed a number of significant trade bills, including the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Permanent Normal Trade Relations for China, and a series of tariff bills.

Mr. Aldonas is currently the founder and Principal Managing Director of Split Rock International, Inc., an international consulting firm. Mr. Aldonas is also co-chair of an Atlantic Council project on transatlantic leadership and the global economy, and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Institute for International Economic Law and an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center.

In addition to The Global Fairness Initiative, Mr. Aldonas serves on the Board of Advisors to the University of Minnesota Law School.

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