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Iowa Business Council Releases Statement Following Signing of Phase One U.S.-China Trade Deal

(DES MOINES) – The Iowa Business Council (IBC) today released a statement following the signing of the Phase One trade agreement between the United States and China:

"The signing of Phase One agreement between the U.S. and China is an important first step to stabilizing our global trade relationships," IBC Executive Director Joe Murphy said.

"Increases in purchases of American farm and energy products by China coupled with enhanced protections for American companies are key pieces to providing certainty for Iowa businesses to thrive, we look forward to the agreement taking effect."

For more information on the Iowa Business Council, please visit www.IowaBusinessCouncil.org.

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About the Iowa Business Council

The Iowa Business Council (IBC) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization whose 23 members are the chief decision makers of major Iowa employers. One in six jobs in Iowa are tied to an IBC company. IBC member companies have invested billions of dollars of capital in Iowa's commercial infrastructure; lead the way in technology innovation, R&D, and grants procured; and are often the driving financial and volunteer forces behind philanthropic efforts all over the state.

IBC member companies include: Alliant Energy; Casey's General Stores, Inc.; Collins Aerospace; Corteva Agriscience; Deere & Company; Fareway; FBL Financial Group, Inc.; HNI Corporation; Hy-Vee, Inc.; Iowa Bankers Association; Kent Corporation; MercyOne; Meredith Corporation; MidAmerican Energy Company; Pella Corporation; Principal; Ruan Transportation Management Systems; UnityPoint Health; The University of Iowa Health Care; Vermeer Corporation; The Weitz Company; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa; and Wells Enterprises, Inc.