



Ambassador

*Embassy of Turkey
Washington, D. C.*

The Honorable C. L. "Butch" Otter
Governor
Idaho

March 14, 2013

Dear Governor,

Your letter dated February 12, 2013 about a trademark application in Turkey was handled diligently by the relevant Turkish authorities. The application was rebuffed with in accord with the concerns you have rightfully raised.

In my opinion, a more important part of your letter was the necessity to develop trade ties between Turkey and the State of Idaho. In fact, the growing commercial and economic ties between our two countries has turned into an exemplary success story, which have developed in double figures since 2005.

Turkey is currently the 16th largest economy globally and has a unique geoeconomic position at the center of the Eurasian crossroads. Turkey's proximity and close ties with its greater neighborhood stretching from the Balkans to Central Asia, Middle East and Southwest Asia entitles us a peculiar role in energy, trade, and investment. This paves the way for third country cooperation with US companies. Moreover, as a burgeoning economy with %5 annual growth rate in the last decade, Turkey is also a good source of FDI. Therefore, we would be ready in all possible ways to strengthen our commercial ties with the State of Idaho under your leadership role.

Sincerely yours,

With my highest esteem.

Namik Tan