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**KEY VOTE "YES" ON
TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY**

May 12, 2015

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the members of the American Apparel & Footwear Association, and the four million trade-dependent U.S. workers the industry employs, I am writing to express strong support for the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015.

AAFA has key voted cloture on the motion to proceed on this important trade promotion authority (TPA) legislation as a **YES** vote.

Once enacted, TPA will facilitate completion of negotiations for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) with 11 Pacific Rim countries and the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP) with the European Union. Those agreements have the potential to eliminate long-standing tariff barriers, harmonize regulatory regimes, and expand trade and investment opportunities for the U.S. apparel and footwear industry.

Moreover, TPA does this in a way that provides effective oversight, guarantees full consultation with stakeholders, and confirms Congress's Article I, Section 8 powers concerning international trade.

At a time when other countries are actively negotiating, concluding, and implementing trade agreements with each other, it is imperative that the United States not fall behind. TPA ensures the United States' full involvement in the world economy, keeping American companies and American workers globally competitive.

I urge you to vote **YES** to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed on consideration of TPA.

Please accept my best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Juanita D. Duggan'.

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