

June 23, 2015

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE AND U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The undersigned organizations, representing every sector of the American manufacturing, service and agriculture communities, strongly support the bipartisan Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) legislation included in H.R. 1295 and urge you to support its passage as soon as possible. Many of our organizations have supported TAA for years and continue to do so.

Access to global markets has proven to be a major contributor to U.S. economic growth, and international trade today supports nearly 40 million American jobs. There are times, however, when international competition can adversely impact American workers through no fault of their own. In such cases, it is important to provide displaced workers with the skills and resources needed to retool and find new employment.

For these reasons, our organizations support the extension of the TAA program, which provides retraining and adjustment assistance where U.S. job losses are directly tied to trade. Since its creation in 1962, TAA has been repeatedly modernized, reformed, and reauthorized by Congress with bipartisan support.

Without Congressional action, TAA will expire in less than four months. We urge you to support passage of the TAA legislation when it comes to a vote.

Sincerely,

Advanced Medical Technology Association

Alliance for Healthcare Competitiveness

Almond Hullers & Processors Association

American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA)

American Association of Exporters and Importers (AAEI)

American Chemistry Council

American Coatings Association

American Composites Manufacturers Association

American Council of Life Insurers

American Feed Industry Association

American Insurance Association

American Potato Trade Alliance

American Soybean Association

AMT – The Association for Manufacturing Technology

Animal Health Institute

Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)

Auto Care Association

Biotechnology Industry Organization

Blue Diamond Growers

BSA | The Software Alliance

Business Council of Alabama

Business Roundtable

California Agricultural Export Council

California Association of Winegrape Growers

California Business Roundtable

California Cherry Board

California Dairies, Inc.

California Farm Bureau Federation

California Fresh Fruit Association

California Poultry Federation

California Table Grape Commission

Coalition for Employment through Exports

Coalition of Services Industries (CSI)

Commodity Markets Council

CompTIA

Council of the Americas

Cranberry Institute

CropLife America

Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, Inc.

Electronic Components Industry Association

Emergency Committee for American Trade (ECAT)

Express Association of America

Fabricators & Manufacturers Association Int'l (FMA)

Fashion Accessories Shippers Association (FASA)

Florida Ports Council

Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America (FDRA)

Gemini Shippers Association

Global Cold Chain Alliance

Hardwood Federation

Hardwood Plywood and Veneer Association (HPVA)

HealthCare Institute of New Jersey (HINJ)

Hop Growers of America

Illinois District Export Council

Illinois Manufacturers' Association

INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry

Industrial Minerals Association – North America

Industrial Truck Association

Information Technology Industry Council – ITI

Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries

International Dairy Foods Association

International Franchise Association (IFA)

International Trade Association of Greater Chicago
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA)
Meat Importers Council of America
Metal Powder Industries Federation
Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Chemistry Council
Midwest Food Processors Association
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
Montana Chamber of Commerce
Montana Manufacturing Council
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Association
National Chicken Council
National Corn Growers Association
National Council for Advanced Manufacturing
National District Export Council
National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC)
National Milk Producers Federation
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Pork Producers Council
National Retail Federation
National Sunflower Association
National Turkey Federation

New Jersey Business & Industry Association

North American Equipment Dealers Association

North American Meat Institute

Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers and Employers Association

NPES The Association for Suppliers of Printing, Publishing and Converting Technologies

Orange County Business Council

Outdoor Power Equipment Institute

Personal Care Products Council

Pet Food Institute

Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)

Riverside County Manufacturers and Exporters Association

Securities Industry & Financial Markets Association (SIFMA)

Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI)

Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA)

Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates (SOCMA)

Software & Information Industry Association

SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association

Sports & Fitness Industry Association

The State Chamber of Oklahoma

Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber

TechNet

Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)

Trans-Atlantic Business Council

Travel Goods Association (TGA)

Treated Wood Council

United Fresh Produce Association

United States Council for International Business (USCIB)

U.S. Apple Association

U.S. Canola Association

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

U.S. Dairy Export Council

U.S. Dry Bean Council

U.S. Fashion Industry Association

U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association

USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council

Vinyl Building Council

Vinyl Institute

Washington Council on International Trade

Washington State Potato Commission

Western Equipment Dealers Association

Western Growers

Wine Institute

Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce