



January 14, 2014

The Honorable Max Baucus  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Finance  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dave Camp  
Chairman  
House Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Finance  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Baucus and Camp and Ranking Member Hatch:

As members of the Trade Benefits America Coalition – more than 160 business and agricultural associations and companies – we write to express our support for the *Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities Act of 2014* and to commend you for working together to develop this legislation to significantly improve Trade Promotion Authority (TPA).

We urge quick movement of this legislation to help U.S. negotiators complete trade and investment agreements that open markets for U.S. goods and services and set strong and enforceable rules for two-way trade. We look forward to working with you, your colleagues, and the Administration to ensure solid bipartisan support for the legislation and secure its approval as soon as possible this year.

With the United States pursuing one of the most ambitious and diverse trade agendas in a long time, now more than ever, it is critical for Congress to pass modernized TPA. High-standard, market-opening outcomes in the Trans-Pacific Partnership, Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, and Trade in Services Agreement hold enormous potential to expand access for U.S. goods and services and to support U.S. economic and job growth.

By passing modernized TPA legislation, Congress can ensure that these trade agreements produce strong economic benefits. In fact, for decades, TPA has been repeatedly improved and passed, providing a framework for Congress and the Executive Branch to work together to shape U.S. trade policy and the objectives for negotiating trade agreements.

With more than 95 percent of the world's consumers outside of our borders, the United States must continue to pursue aggressively market-opening opportunities and outcomes that will improve the competitiveness of America in the global economy. TPA is an important tool to advance trade agreements that open foreign markets and level the playing field for American businesses, farmers, workers and consumers.

We look forward to working with you, your colleagues in the House and Senate, and the Administration to advance and secure approval of the *Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities Act of 2014* as soon as possible this year.

Sincerely,

3M	American Farm Bureau Federation
AbbVie	American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA)
ACE Limited	American Insurance Association (AIA)
Aerospace Industries Association	American International Automobile Dealers Association (AIADA)
AGCO Corporation	American Petroleum Institute
Agriculture Transportation Coalition (AgTC)	American Soybean Association
The Airforwarders Association	Amgen Inc.
Alcoa Inc.	Archer Daniels Midland Co.
Alliance for Healthcare Competitiveness	Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)
Altec, Inc.	Association of Global Automakers
American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA)	Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry (INDA)
American Association of Exporters and Importers (AAEI)	AT&T Inc.
American Chamber of Commerce in Australia	Bayer AG
American Chemistry Council	Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO)
American Council of Life Insurers	

BNSF Railway Company	Corn Refiners Association
The Boeing Company	Council of the Americas
Brown-Forman Corporation	Crop Life America
BSA   The Software Alliance	Cummins Inc.
Business Council for Global Development	C. V. Starr & Co., Inc.
Business Roundtable	DAIMLER
CA Technologies	Danaher Corporation
California Chamber of Commerce	Darden Restaurants, Inc.
Campbell Soup Company	Deere & Company
Cargill, Incorporated	Direct Selling Association
Caterpillar Inc.	Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.
Chevron Corporation	The Dow Chemical Company
CIGNA Corporation	DuPont
Cisco Systems, Inc.	Eastman Chemical Company
Citigroup, Inc.	Eaton
The Clorox Company	eBay
CNH Industrial	Emergency Committee for American Trade
Coalition for Employment through Exports	Emerson
Coalition of New England Companies for Trade (CONNECT)	Express Association of America (EAA)
Coalition of Services Industries	EY
The Coca Cola Company	Fashion Accessories Shippers Association (FASA)
Consumer Specialty Products Association	FedEx Corporation

Free Trade Alliance	KPMG LLP
Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.	Liberty Mutual Group
General Electric Company	LORD Corporation
General Mills, Inc.	Los Angeles Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association
Global Information Infrastructure Commission	Mattel, Inc.
Grant Thornton LLP	McGraw Hill Financial
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	Medtronic, Inc.
Hanesbrands, Inc.	Merck
Herbalife	MetLife, Inc.
Hewlett-Packard	Microsoft Corporation
The Home Depot	Motion Picture Association of America
Honda North America, Inc.	Motorola Solutions, Inc.
Honeywell	National Association of Manufacturers
IBM Corporation	National Association of Wheat Growers
Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)	National District Export Council
Ingersoll-Rand plc	National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
International Dairy Foods Association	National Foreign Trade Council
International Intellectual Property Alliance	National Grain and Feed Association
ITC Holdings Corp.	National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA)
Jockey International, Inc	National Pork Producers Council
Johnson & Johnson	National Retail Federation
Juniper Networks	

National Small Business Association	Sony
North American Equipment Dealers Association	State Farm Insurance Companies
North American Export Grain Association (NAEGA)	Sweetener Users Association
Organization for International Investment	Target Corporation
Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Assoc. - The PCC	TechAmerica
Personal Care Products Council	Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)
Pfizer Inc	Texas Instruments Incorporated
The Plastics Industry Trade Association (SPI)	Toyota
The Procter & Gamble Company	Trans-Atlantic Business Council (TABC)
Qualcomm Incorporated	Travel Goods Association (TGA)
Retail Industry Leaders Association	The Travelers Companies
Rockwell Automation, Inc.	Tyco International Ltd.
Securities Industry & Financial Markets Association (SIFMA)	United Parcel Service, Inc.
Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI)	United Technologies Corporation
Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA)	U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Siemens Corporation	U.S. Council for International Business
Small Business Exporters Association	U.S. Fashion Industry Association
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates (SOCMA)	U.S. Grains Council
Software & Information Industry Association	U.S. Wheat Associates
	US-ASEAN Business Council
	USA Rice Federation
	Vermeer Corporation

Visa Inc.

The Williams Companies

Walmart

Wine Institute

Washington Council on International Trade

W.J. Byrnes & Co.

Whirlpool Corporation

Xerox Corporation

cc: Members of the Senate Finance Committee  
Members of the House Ways and Means Committee