

April 22, 2015

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Boehner, Democratic Leader Reid, and Democratic Leader Pelosi:

We are writing to urge swift action to renew Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) on behalf of the nearly 300 undersigned organizations. Our chambers of commerce, manufacturing organizations, and farm bureaus represent millions of companies, workers, farmers, and ranchers from every sector of the economy and every state in the union.

Trade agreements negotiated and concluded under TPA help drive economic growth and job creation here at home. They enable manufacturers, service providers, farmers and ranchers across the country to reach the 95 percent of the world's customers who live outside our borders. One in four manufacturing jobs in the United States depends on exports, and one in every three acres of farmland is planted for consumers overseas. More than 97 percent of the 300,000 U.S. companies that export are small and medium-sized businesses.

However, the international playing field often is tilted unfairly against businesses and workers in the United States. While our market generally is open, U.S. exports face significant barriers abroad. Trade agreements tear down these barriers and create a level playing field. They help firms in this country and the millions of workers they employ compete successfully overseas. America's 20 existing trade agreement partners represent just 10 percent of the global economy, but purchase nearly half of all U.S. exports.

To expand these benefits, the United States is negotiating new trade agreements with some of the world's largest and fastest growing economies, including with Europe and 11 Asia-Pacific nations. The United States also is pursuing multilateral deals that would reduce barriers to trade in services and environmental goods worldwide. However, to realize the potential of these agreements for U.S. jobs, economic growth and competitiveness, Congress must pass Trade Promotion Authority.

TPA is a longstanding and proven partnership between Congress and the President that enables Congress to set negotiating objectives and requires the executive branch to consult

extensively with legislators during negotiations. We urge you to act on this essential legislation as soon as possible this year.

Sincerely,

**Alabama**

Alexander City Chamber of Commerce  
Birmingham Business Alliance  
Manufacture Alabama  
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce  
Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce  
South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce

**Alaska**

Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce

**Arizona**

Arizona Chamber of Commerce  
Arizona Farm Bureau Federation  
Arizona Manufacturers Council  
Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Chandler Chamber of Commerce  
Gilbert Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce  
Mesa Chamber of Commerce  
Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce  
Tempe Chamber of Commerce  
Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Tucson Metro Chamber

**Arkansas**

Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/Associated Industries of Arkansas

**California**

California Business Roundtable  
California Chamber of Commerce  
California Manufacturers & Technology Association  
Camarillo Chamber of Commerce  
Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce  
Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Chamber of Commerce of the Santa Barbara Region  
Chambers of Commerce Alliance of Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties  
Corona Chamber of Commerce  
Desert Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center  
Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce  
Fresno Chamber of Commerce  
Fullerton Chamber of Commerce  
Gateway Chambers Alliance  
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce

Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce  
Indio Chamber of Commerce  
Irvine Chamber of Commerce  
Irwindale Chamber of Commerce  
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce  
Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Murrieta Chamber of Commerce  
North San Diego Business Chamber  
Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Orange County Business Council  
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce  
Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce  
Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
Pasadena Chamber of Commerce & Civic Association  
Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce  
Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce  
Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce  
San Bruno Chamber of Commerce  
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce  
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau  
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce  
South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce  
Southwest California Legislative Council  
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce  
Valley Industry and Commerce Association  
Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

### **Colorado**

Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry  
Colorado Business Roundtable  
Colorado Competitive Council  
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce  
Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation  
South Metro Denver Chamber

### **Connecticut**

Connecticut Business and Industry Association  
MetroHartford Alliance  
Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce  
The Bridgeport Regional Business Council

### **Delaware**

Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce  
Delaware State Chamber of Commerce

**Florida**

Associated Industries of Florida  
Central Pinellas Chamber of Commerce  
Florida Chamber of Commerce  
Gainesville Area Chamber – Advanced Manufacturing Council  
Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce  
JAX Chamber  
West Orange Chamber of Commerce

**Georgia**

Cobb Chamber of Commerce  
Georgia Association of Manufacturers  
Georgia Chamber of Commerce  
Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce  
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce

**Hawaii**

Chamber of Commerce Hawaii  
Kauai Chamber of Commerce

**Idaho**

Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce  
Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry

**Illinois**

Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Canton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce  
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce  
Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Partnership  
Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce  
Illinois Chamber of Commerce  
Illinois Farm Bureau Federation  
Illinois Manufacturers' Association  
McLean County Chamber of Commerce  
Northcenter Chamber of Commerce  
Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce  
Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce

**Illinois/Indiana**

Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce

**Indiana**

Indiana Chamber of Commerce  
Indiana Farm Bureau Federation  
Indiana Manufacturers Association  
Indy Chamber  
Nappanee Area Chamber of Commerce  
St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce  
Wabash County Chamber of Commerce

**Iowa**

Ames Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Des Moines Partnership  
Iowa Association of Business and Industry  
Iowa Business Council  
Iowa Chamber Alliance  
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation  
Mason City Chamber of Commerce

**Kansas**

Fort Scott Area Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce  
Kansas Farm Bureau Federation  
The Kansas Chamber of Commerce

**Kentucky**

Commerce Lexington Inc.  
Greater Louisville Inc.  
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

**Louisiana**

Chamber Southwest Louisiana  
Committee of 100 Louisiana  
Greater New Orleans, Inc.  
Jeff Davis Chamber of Commerce  
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry  
Monroe Chamber of Commerce  
Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce  
New Orleans Chamber of Commerce

**Maine**

Maine Chamber of Commerce

**Maryland**

Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce  
Maryland Chamber of Commerce

**Massachusetts**

Associated Industries of Massachusetts  
Fall River Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Metro South Chamber of Commerce  
United Regional Chamber of Commerce

**Michigan**

Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan  
Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Michigan Chamber of Commerce  
Michigan Chemistry Council  
Michigan Farm Bureau Federation  
Michigan Manufacturers Association

**Minnesota**

Dakota County Regional Chamber

Eden Prairie Chamber of Commerce  
International Falls Area Chamber of Commerce  
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce  
Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation  
St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce  
TwinWest Chamber of Commerce

**Mississippi**

Mississippi Manufacturers Association  
The Chamber and Economic Development Center of Washington County

**Missouri**

Associated Industries of Missouri  
Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Missouri Farm Bureau Federation  
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce  
St. Louis Regional Chamber

**Montana**

Kalispell Chamber of Commerce  
Montana Chamber of Commerce  
Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
Montana Manufacturing Council

**Nebraska**

Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce  
Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce  
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry

**Nevada**

Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce  
Nevada Manufacturers Association  
The Chamber of Reno, Sparks, and Northern Nevada

**New Hampshire**

Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire

**New Jersey**

Morris County Chamber of Commerce  
New Jersey Business & Industry Association  
New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce  
Newark Regional Business Partnership

**New Mexico**

Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce

**New York**

Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber  
Buffalo Niagara Partnership  
JFK Airport Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association  
Manhattan Chamber of Commerce  
North Country Chamber of Commerce  
Partnership for New York City

Rochester Business Alliance  
The Business Council of New York State  
The Chamber of Schenectady County

**North Carolina**

Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Charlotte Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce  
North Carolina Chamber  
North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation  
Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

**North Dakota**

Greater North Dakota Chamber

**North Dakota/Minnesota**

The Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce

**Ohio**

Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce  
Columbus Chamber of Commerce  
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Licking County Chamber of Commerce  
Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce  
Ohio Chamber of Commerce  
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation  
The Ohio Manufacturers' Association  
Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce

**Oklahoma**

The State Chamber of Oklahoma  
Tulsa Regional Chamber

**Oregon**

Associated Oregon Industries  
Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Hermiston Chamber of Commerce  
Klamath County Chamber of Commerce  
Oregon State Chamber of Commerce  
Portland Business Alliance  
Wilsonville Area Chamber of Commerce

**Pennsylvania**

Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry  
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Pennsylvania Business Council  
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Federation  
Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association  
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce

**Rhode Island**

Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce

Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce  
Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce Coalition

**South Carolina**

Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce  
Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce  
North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce  
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce

**South Dakota**

Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce  
South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**Tennessee**

Clay County Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Memphis Chamber  
Johnson City Chamber of Commerce  
Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce  
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry

**Texas**

Dallas Regional Chamber  
Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Houston Partnership  
Greater Irving Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce  
Lewisville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce  
North Texas Commission  
Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce/Tourist Bureau  
San Antonio Chamber of Commerce  
Texas Association of Business

**Utah**

Salt Lake Chamber  
Utah Manufacturers Association

**Vermont**

Associated Industries of Vermont  
Vermont Chamber of Commerce

**Virginia**

Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce  
Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce  
New Market Area Chamber of Commerce  
Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Virginia Manufacturers Association

**Washington**

Association of Washington Business  
Bellevue Chamber of Commerce  
Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce  
Economic Alliance Snohomish County  
Ferndale Chamber of Commerce



Greater Pasco Area Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Spokane Incorporated  
Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce  
Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce  
Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce  
Southwest King County Chamber of Commerce  
Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber  
Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Washington Council on International Trade

**West Virginia**

West Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
West Virginia Manufacturers Association

**Wisconsin**

Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce  
Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce  
Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce  
Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce  
Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation  
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce

**Wyoming**

Campbell County Chamber of Commerce

**National**

American Farm Bureau Federation  
Business Roundtable  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Black Chamber of Commerce  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

cc: Members of the United States Congress