November 12, 2014

The Honorable John Boehner  The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House  Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives  U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC  20515  Washington, DC  20515

The Honorable Harry Reid  The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader  Minority Leader
U.S. Senate  U.S. Senate
Washington, DC  20510  Washington, DC  20510

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

As members of the Trade Benefits America Coalition, we write to urge passage of bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) legislation this year.

Congressional action on TPA is needed to help ensure high-standard outcomes in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations, which the United States and 11 other Asia-Pacific countries are striving to complete. By passing TPA, Congress will also help ensure strong outcomes in the other ongoing talks on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP), the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), and an agreement to eliminate tariffs on environmental goods. These initiatives hold tremendous potential to: help U.S. companies of all sizes, farmers and workers buy and sell goods and services in the global marketplace; set strong, enforceable trade rules; and support U.S. growth and jobs.

Other countries are completing trade agreements that are opening markets for their companies, farmers and workers and shaping the rules for international trade to their advantage. It is vital that the United States respond by negotiating and implementing high-standard, market-opening trade agreements as soon as possible. History has shown that TPA is a critical tool for helping complete ambitious U.S. trade agreements and getting them passed by Congress. With 95 percent of potential customers outside the United States and more than one in five American jobs supported by trade, we need to seize on opportunities – such as ongoing
and future U.S. trade agreements – to expand U.S. commerce with other countries.

Accordingly, we are eager to work with you, your colleagues in the House and Senate, and the Administration to pass bipartisan TPA legislation before the end of the year.

Sincerely,

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