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NOPA Applauds Passage of TPA and Urges President to Sign

Washington, D.C., June 24, 2015 – The National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA) applauds the passage of bipartisan legislation providing President Obama with Trade Promotion Authority (TPA).

NOPA urges President Obama to sign TPA as soon as possible.

Tom Hammer, President of NOPA, stated, “NOPA thanks each Senator and Representative who voted for TPA-2015; their resolution and leadership is a critical step to enable U.S. negotiators to achieve the best possible outcome for current and future trade agreements.”

This essential legislation, passed by Congress, establishes concrete rules for international trade negotiations to help the United States deliver strong, high-standard, trade agreements that will boost American exports and create new opportunities for American farmers, ranchers, and manufacturers. It will strengthen Congress’ ability to set the direction for our trade agenda and key negotiating objectives. It also enhances Congress’ ability to oversee trade negotiations, which will ensure that new trade agreements reflect Congressional priorities and achieve strong U.S. outcomes. The legislation also requires more transparency by strengthening consultations with both Congress and the public.

Tom Hammer, President of NOPA, stated, “With more than 95 percent of the world’s population outside the United States, U.S. economic growth and job creation depend on expanded trade and investment opportunities so that U.S. companies and workers can sell more American products and services to foreign customers. Trade agreements are a critical step toward ensuring this happens.”

National Oilseed Processors Association’s mission is to assist the U.S. soybean, canola, flaxseed, sunflower seed, and safflower seed processing industries to be the most competitive and efficient in the world by utilizing the combined expertise, knowledge and resources of its members to foster market- and science-based policies. NOPA represents 13 member companies who process over 1.6 billion bushels of oilseeds annually at 63 plants in 19 states, including 57 plants that process soybeans.

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