May 21, 2015

Dear Members of the U.S. Senate:

As members of the Trade Benefits America Coalition, we write to express our strong support for the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (TPA-2015) and to urge you to vote for this important legislation. Thanks to bipartisan leadership in the Senate, there has been significant movement on this legislation and we hope it will pass prior to the Memorial Day recess. The TPA-2015 bill would further strengthen the framework for Congress and the Executive Branch to partner to complete market-opening trade agreements that support economic growth and well-paying jobs across the country.

TPA-2015 would modernize and improve the 2002 TPA law in several ways. By enhancing the required consultations by the Executive Branch with Congress, it would help ensure that new trade agreements reflect Congressional priorities on trade. By increasing the transparency of trade negotiations, it would provide additional opportunities for all members of Congress, and the American public, to have input into U.S. trade negotiations at all stages. By updating and introducing new trade agreement negotiating objectives, it would help ensure that the United States – and not our foreign competitors – sets strong rules for international commerce.

The United States is pursuing an ambitious range of trade agreements. The trade negotiations currently underway – including the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, the Trade in Services Agreement, and an agreement to eliminate tariffs on environmental goods – will create opportunities for U.S. businesses of all sizes, including manufacturers, service providers, and farmers, and their workers.

We urge you to vote for the TPA-2015 bill, which is critical to helping achieve solid U.S. outcomes in each of these agreements and promote growth and jobs in your states.

Sincerely,

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North American Export Grain Association (NAEGA)  
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