



Trade Benefits America

April 22, 2015

Dear House Ways and Means Committee Members:

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* as introduced and to urge you to also support this legislation. We commend House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR) for their work on this legislation. The United States has a tremendous opportunity to strengthen our economy, open foreign markets for U.S. products, and support well-paying jobs here at home through U.S. trade agreements. The Committee can help realize those significant benefits by passing this legislation as soon as possible.

As you know, trade is a major engine of U.S. growth and well-paying jobs, supporting nearly 40 million American jobs. By strengthening U.S. negotiators' ability to complete high-standard, market-opening trade agreements that level the playing field for U.S. businesses, farmers and workers, this legislation will help support more U.S. growth and jobs. With more than 95 percent of the world's population residing outside the United States, it is critical that we work to improve the competitiveness of U.S. goods and services in foreign markets.

This legislation strengthens and modernizes the 2002 TPA law. The bill strengthens Congress' ability to set the direction for our trade agenda and to set negotiating objectives. It also enhances its ability to oversee trade negotiations, which will help ensure that new trade agreements reflect Congressional priorities and achieve strong U.S. outcomes. In addition, the legislation requires more transparency by strengthening consultations with both Congress and the public. This ensures that Congress and the American public will be able to consider every trade agreement on the merits before a vote. Equally important, by updating negotiating objectives and establishing new ones on emerging trade issues, the bill will help the United States – and not our foreign competitors – shape the rules of the road for international commerce. Finally, the legislation has new and stronger provisions to ensure that Congress retains control over legislation implementing trade agreements.

The trade agreements currently being negotiated, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) Agreement, and the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA), represent historic opportunities to support U.S. growth and jobs. Congressional passage of this legislation will send a signal to our negotiating partners that Congress supports high-standard and market-opening outcomes in these negotiations and help guide Congressional review and consideration of each final trade agreement.

We applaud the bipartisan, bicameral leadership of Chairman Ryan and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden in crafting this important legislation.

We urge you to stand with them and us in support of U.S. businesses, farmers and workers – as well as the global competitiveness of the U.S. economy – by passing the bill as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Members of the Trade Benefits America Coalition (see list below)

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