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The Honorable Randy Forbes  
United States House of Representatives  
9401 Courthouse Road, Suite 202  
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Dear Representative Forbes:

Next week, the U.S. House of Representatives will vote on the Bipartisan Trade Priorities and Accountability Act, bipartisan legislation to renew Trade Promotion Authority (TPA). This legislation will create opportunities to expand trade, increase U.S. pork exports and grow jobs in Virginia's 4th District. It is a key issue for Smithfield Foods and our 2785 employees in your district. I encourage you to vote "yes" on this important legislation.

Trade is critical to U.S. agriculture. Since we began negotiating free trade deals, U.S. agriculture exports have nearly quadrupled in value. At Smithfield, we export about 30 percent of our product, and we must continue to increase exports to sustain and grow our business. TPA will help us do that.

TPA is critical to ensuring U.S. food producers get the best possible outcomes as the U.S. negotiates two ambitious trade agreements: Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). These deals have incredible potential to open the market to U.S. pork products in key countries, such as Japan, Mexico and Vietnam, and to create more U.S. jobs and drive domestic growth.

Please support TPA. TPA will not only create extraordinary opportunity for our employees and company, but also for farmers and manufacturers throughout Virginia's 4th District.

Thank you for your great representation of Virginia's 4th District and your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis H. Treacy".

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