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The Honorable J. Randy Forbes  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Forbes:

International Paper is an industry leader in the exporting of paper and packaging products in the United States with 275 employees in your district. Global trade is an important component of our business, as a company we export nearly 25 percent of our U.S. manufactured production, while importing into the U.S. market less than 0.001 percent (67 tons) of what we make overseas. Moreover, approximately 7,300 International Paper jobs are tied directly to exports, and approximately 4,000 of our small and medium-sized supplier companies are also linked to global trade. That is why passage of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (H.R.1890) is so vitally important to our company.

Given that 95 percent of the world's population lives outside of the United States, we believe that having greater access to international markets will be a significant element to the future prosperity of our company and customers. This bill modernizes the previous Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) agreement signed by President Bush in 2002 by strengthening Congressional oversight and consultations by Congress and the general public. Passage of this important legislation will send a signal to our current and potential trading partners that Congress supports open access to foreign markets as well as a level playing field.

Exports are a growing opportunity for the U.S. forest products industry, accounting for more than 15 percent of the industry's annual total sales. In 2014, our industry's global exports totaled an estimated \$31.9 billion, of which \$22.2 billion were exports of pulp and paper. Bilateral and regional negotiations on free trade agreements provide opportunities to eliminate or significantly reduce tariff and non-tariff barriers on paper products with selected trading partners.

Trade agreements like the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) offer numerous opportunities for International Paper to increase its exports and further grow our business. We are reliant on our Members of Congress to lead the way on TPA and help bring about exciting opportunities for our 32,000 employees in 34 states across the country. Our export story is a truly remarkable one, and it is one that could become even more compelling with the passage of this important piece of legislation. I urge you to support the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015.

Sincerely,

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