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Dear Representative Forbes:

UPS is writing to seek your support and your vote in favor of Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) legislation. TPA legislation will facilitate consideration of comprehensive trade agreements that will enable American businesses, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises, to gain access to new markets and compete on a more level playing field.

Each day, UPS handles 6 percent of U.S. GDP and 2 percent of global GDP. Global trade is therefore important to the future of UPS and our 344,200 employees in the United States, 7,577 in Virginia, and 1,246 employees in your congressional district. In fact, every 22 packages per day that cross a border supports one job in UPS's package operation. UPS's export volume has increased by over 20% on average to countries with which the U.S. has recently implemented free trade agreements.

Trade Promotion Authority is essential for the negotiation and passage of trade agreements needed to spur U.S. growth and job creation. Congress and the President share constitutional authority over trade and international agreements. TPA is an exercise of Congress's authority to shape trade agreement goals, ensure consultation throughout the process, and review and vote on the completed agreements.

UPS supports bipartisan TPA legislation that ensures trade facilitation through simplified and automated customs procedures, maintains strong objectives to eliminate barriers to cross-border investment and protect U.S. investors from unfair treatment, and eliminates trade distortions and unfair competition from state-owned enterprises. TPA legislation will also support the negotiation of improved and more transparent regulatory practices and encourage U.S. participation in global value chains.

UPS urges the House and the Senate to move forward expeditiously to pass this critical legislation, and is educating key stakeholders on the benefits of TPA at the local, state, and federal level. The robust set of trade agreements before us will be the most commercially significant ever negotiated and are essential to American competitiveness. We appreciate your consideration of support for this critical legislation. Our Public Affairs team will be contacting your office shortly to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David P. Abney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David P. Abney
Chief Executive Officer