

AmericanInternational AutomobileDealers®

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Dear Representative Forbes:

On behalf of America's nearly 10,000 international nameplate auto dealers with almost 500,000 employees, I write to express our strong support of *The Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015*, H.R. 1314 and urge a yes vote on passage of the legislation.

AIADA is dedicated to promoting and preserving open markets worldwide—a goal that is difficult to achieve without TPA. With increasing investment and operations, international manufacturers and dealers are fully committed to a thriving U.S. auto industry. In their recent report, AIADA and the Association of Global Automakers found that automakers and dealers produced more than 5 million and sold over 8 million vehicles in the United States in 2014; operated 425 U.S. facilities and offices, including 34 manufacturing plants and 62 R&D facilities, representing a \$72 billion investment in the U.S.; exported almost 900,000 automobiles from the U.S. to more than 72 different countries around the world; and employed over 600,000 Americans.

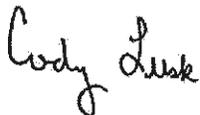
Open trade and investment policies play a crucial role in allowing international nameplate dealers, many of whom operate second and third generation family businesses, to compete on a level playing field in cities and towns across the U.S. These policies provide consumers with competitive pricing and service on some of the most popular vehicles on American roads today. TPA gives the current administration, and the next, the authority to negotiate trade agreements in good faith and ensures that Americans are not left behind as countries form strategic trade partnerships.

TPA-2015 guarantees Congress a meaningful role in all trade negotiations, allowing every member the ability to read negotiating text; receive detailed briefings; attend negotiating rounds; provide guidance; coordinate with public and advisory committees; receive adequate time to review deals; and consult with a new transparency officer. Additionally, TPA-2015 ensures Congress maintains its control over changes to U.S. law and provides rules for considering trade agreements by setting negotiating objectives; guaranteeing long-term oversight; protecting U.S. sovereignty; narrowing the scope of implementation bills; extending oversight to current negotiations; strengthening oversight; and, providing an off switch. By passing modernized TPA legislation, Congress can help address new issues that have emerged across a range of current U.S. trade negotiations.

With more than 95 percent of the world's consumers outside of our borders and more than one in five U.S. jobs depending on trade, it is critical that the United States open new markets to help our companies and workers compete and succeed. TPA-2015 will achieve these goals.

Once again, AIADA, its dealer members and their nearly 500,000 employees strongly support *The Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015* and urge you to vote in favor of this legislation when it comes to the floor for consideration. AIADA will be including the TPA vote in its Key Votes for the 114th Congress Scorecard.

Sincerely,



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