

February 4, 2015

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
S-230 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
Senate Minority Leader
S-221 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
H-232 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20150

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House Minority Leader
H-204 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Reid, Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi:

As associations representing every sector of the U.S. manufacturing economy, we urge you to prioritize passage of Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) as quickly as possible this year. Renewing this proven partnership between Congress and the President will facilitate negotiation and approval of trade agreements that eliminate foreign barriers and open new export opportunities for industries and workers in the United States.

Across the country, trade is working for manufacturers of all sizes and for the nearly 12 million women and men they employ. Trade agreements negotiated under TPA help businesses and workers reach the 95 percent of the world's consumers who live outside our borders. They empower industries to compete for a greater share of the \$11 trillion global market for manufactured goods.

Since TPA was last renewed in 2002, U.S. goods exports have more than doubled to a record high of almost \$1.6 trillion in 2013. The United States enjoys a nearly \$60 billion manufacturing trade surplus with its 20 existing trade agreement partners. Jobs linked to manufactured goods exports pay an average of 18 percent more than other jobs, and trade agreements in the works could increase the purchasing power of American families by \$3,000 or more every year.

At a time when global growth is slowing, manufacturers and their employees need the advantages trade agreements provide now more than ever to compete successfully abroad. Without TPA, they risk being locked out and left behind as other countries negotiate dozens of trade agreements that do not include the United States.

With so much at stake for American jobs, growth and competitiveness, we urge you to act quickly to pass TPA for manufacturers and for workers.

Sincerely,

Aeronautical Repair Station Association
Aerospace Industries Association
American Bakers Association
American Chemistry Council
American Cleaning Institute
American Coatings Association

American Forest & Paper Association
American Frozen Food Institute
American Petroleum Institute
American Wire Producers Association
(AWPA)
America's Natural Gas Alliance

Associated Equipment Distributors
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
(AEM)
Association of Global Automakers
Association of Home Appliance
Manufacturers
Auto Care Association
Biotechnology Industry Organization
Corn Refiners Association
CropLife America
Distilled Spirits Council of the United States
(DISCUS)
Electronic Components Industry Association
Energy Equipment & Infrastructure Alliance
Fabricators and Manufacturers Association,
International
Global Cold Chain Alliance
INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics
Industry
Industrial Minerals Association - North
America
Industrial Truck Association
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.
International Dairy Foods Association
International Wood Products Association
IPC - Association Connecting Electronics
Industries
Irrigation Association
Jackson Area Manufacturers Association

Juvenile Products Manufacturers
Association (JPMA)
Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and
Innovation
Missouri Association of Manufacturers
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers
Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Council for Advanced
Manufacturing
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Oilseed Processors Association
Non-Ferrous Founders' Society
NPES, The Association for Suppliers of
Printing, Publishing and Converting
Technologies
Nuclear Energy Institute
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, Inc.
Recreation Vehicle Industry Association
Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles
Association (SMART)
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and
Affiliates (SOCMA)
Sports & Fitness Industry Association
Textile Care Allied Trades Association
The Aluminum Association
The Vinyl Institute
Treated Wood Council
Valley Industrial Association