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The Honorable Brian Babin
U. S. House of Representatives
316 Cannon HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Babin:

The Texas Farm Bureau supports H.R. 1890, the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015. We request you vote in favor of H.R. 1890.

Texas agriculture depends on international trade, exporting \$5.7 billion worth of farm and ranch production in 2013 alone. Every sector of agriculture in this state benefits from expanded export opportunities, especially cotton, beef, and grain growers. Currently, about 22 percent of the annual production of farms and ranches makes its way overseas. On the horizon, potential new agreements could be a boon for Texas farmers and ranchers, but only if Trade Promotion Authority (TPA-2015) comes first.

H.R. 1890 allows the Congress, working with the Administration, to pursue a robust trade agenda. By passing this bill, Congress would (1) mandate negotiating objectives, (2) establish consultation and access to information throughout individual negotiations, and (3) have the final say in whether proposed agreements pass into law. TPA-2015 allows Members of Congress to have input throughout the process while providing direction to the Administration up front.

Please vote for H.R. 1890.

Sincerely,

Russell W. Boening
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