



June 8, 2015

The Honorable Brian Babin  
U.S. Representative  
203 Ivy Ave.  
Deer Park, TX 77536

Dear Congressman Babin:

On behalf of over 200 members surrounding the Houston Ship Channel - home to one of the world's most influential energy corridors and trade ports, we urge you to help enhance U.S. economic growth and jobs by supporting the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (TPA-2015).

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 continue to open new markets for U.S. goods and services while simultaneously helping our companies and workers to compete and succeed. Modernized Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) will help achieve both of these goals.

Passage of modernized TPA legislation will also help ensure a meaningful role for Congress at all stages of trade negotiations, not just after negotiations are complete and trade agreements come to Congress for a final vote. In addition, it will reinforce the longstanding Congressional-Executive Branch partnership that has proven critical to negotiating and implementing trade agreements that support U.S. economic growth and American jobs.

A vote in support of TPA-2015 is a vote for jobs, economic growth and leadership in today's global economy. We urge you to support this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. I am available to you if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Chad Burke  
President/CEO  
Economic Alliance Houston Port Region