

June 10, 2015

California Delegation  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: California Ag Coalition Urges Support For TPA**

Dear California Representative:

We write to express our strong support for prompt passage of Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), which will accelerate current and future trade negotiations and ensure that California's food and agricultural sector remains competitive in a global marketplace.

Farm and food exports have a positive multiplier effect throughout California's economy. According to the USDA, Every \$1 in U.S. farm exports stimulates an additional \$1.22 in business activity. With California agricultural exports totaling \$21 billion in 2013, this economic activity creates jobs. Exports in 2014 supported over one million full-time jobs; more than half of these were created in the past ten years, thanks to increased agricultural trade.

Renewed TPA will give U.S. negotiators the ability to achieve the best deals possible with other countries. Without TPA, no country will be willing to make the toughest concessions to us if they fear that Congress will subsequently demand more.

Nations around the world – our global agricultural competitors – are negotiating bilateral trade deals. If competitors gain free access to our biggest markets while we continue to face substantial import barriers, our markets and the U.S. jobs that go along with them will inevitably disappear. Standing still on trade is simply falling behind. Trade agreements such as those being negotiated with eleven other countries under the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and with the European Union under the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), cannot achieve U.S. goals without TPA.

In order for trade agreements to become a reality, Congress needs to pass TPA. We strongly urge you to support California's agricultural sector and vote YES for TPA.

Sincerely,

African American Farmers of California  
Agricultural Council of California  
Allied Grape Growers  
Almond Hullers & Processors Association  
American Pistachio Growers  
Blue Diamond Growers  
California Agricultural Export Council  
California Association of Wheat Growers  
California Association of Winegrape Growers  
California Bean Shippers Association  
California Canning Peach Association  
California Cattlemen's Association  
California Cherry Export Association  
California Citrus Mutual  
California Cotton Ginners Association  
California Cotton Growers Association  
California Dairies, Inc.

California Farm Bureau Federation  
California Fresh Fruit Association  
California Grain and Feed Association  
California Pear Growers Association  
California Poultry Federation  
California Rice Commission  
California Seed Association  
California Table Grape Commission  
California Warehouse Association  
Farmers' Rice Cooperative  
Land O'Lakes Inc  
National Hmong American Farmers  
Nisei Farmers League  
Sunkist Growers  
Western Agricultural Processors Association  
Western Growers  
Western United Dairymen