



May 5, 2015

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
1101 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House Minority Leader
235 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid
Senate Minority Leader
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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

On behalf of the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), I am writing to urge swift action on the renewal of Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), and to support bipartisan action for passage of this critical legislation.

TPA establishes concrete rules for international trade discussions with our economic partners throughout the world. It allows the Executive Branch to negotiate on behalf of the U.S. for strong trade agreements that are in our best interests. It also retains Congress' constitutional authority to review these agreements and provide an up or down vote, without amendments, for passage. This process encourages our trade partners to put their best offers on the table for potential agreements like the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP).

As one of the largest economies in the world, the United States benefits considerably from free trade, including the U.S. aerospace and defense industry. Trade agreements provide increased access to overseas markets, and help tear down trade barriers. This creates a level playing field for U.S. exports, which creates U.S. jobs and stronger productivity growth. The U.S. aerospace industry directly benefits from the increased passenger and cargo air traffic, and our defense industry benefits from the closer economic ties with key security cooperation partners and allies.

Representing more than 300 major aerospace and defense companies and their suppliers, AIA is a strong industry voice. We embody every high-technology manufacturing segment of the U.S. aerospace and defense industry, from commercial aviation and avionics, to manned and unmanned defense systems, to space technologies and satellite communications. As a community, we believe that renewal of TPA is in our national economic and security interests.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Joyce', written over a white background.

David L. Joyce
Chairman, Aerospace Industries Association
President and Chief Executive Officer, GE Aviation