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AFFI Commends U.S. House of Representatives for Approving Trade Promotion Authority

McLean, VA – The [American Frozen Food Institute](http://www.affi.org) (AFFI) today commended the U.S. House of Representatives for approving bipartisan legislation granting Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) to the President and his successor for the next six years.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved the “Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities Act of 2015,” also known as “fast-track,” by a vote of 218-208. TPA allows the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) to present international trade agreements to Congress for an up or down vote of approval and outlines certain objectives and priorities that the administration must meet when negotiating international trade agreements.

As one of AFFI’s top public policy priorities for the 114th Congress, TPA will be instrumental in aiding USTR’s efforts to finalize negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

“AFFI commends the U.S. House of Representatives for granting the U.S. Trade Representative the tools needed to open new markets and expand existing markets for frozen foods and beverages, which will provide new economic opportunities and jobs for U.S. workers,” said AFFI President and CEO Kraig Naasz. “AFFI urges the U.S. Senate to follow suit by granting the President fast-track authority and aiding completion of the 12-nation trans-Pacific trade deal.”

The TPA legislation heads back to the U.S. Senate for its anticipated consideration prior to the August Congressional recess.

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The American Frozen Food Institute is the national trade association promoting and representing the interests of all segments of the frozen food and beverage industry. AFFI works to foster industry development and growth, and advocates before legislative and regulatory entities on the industry's behalf. More information can be found at www.affi.org.