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AFFI Commends U.S. Senate for Advancing TPA

McLean, VA – The [American Frozen Food Institute](http://www.affi.org) (AFFI) today commended the United States Senate for advancing bipartisan legislation granting Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) over the next six year to the President of the United States.

The U.S. Senate agreed to limit debate by a vote of 60-37, setting up a vote on final passage of the "Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities Act of 2015." Also known as "fast-track," 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 for the administration 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. Senate for advancing America's trade agenda by granting Trade Promotion Authority to the President," said AFFI President and CEO Kraig Naasz. "TPA will provide the administration the tools needed to grow the more than \$10 billion in U.S. exports of frozen foods and beverages by opening new markets and expanding existing markets in Pacific Rim and around the globe."

The U.S. Senate is expected to vote on final passage of TPA later this week.

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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.