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AFFI Commends U.S. Senate for Approving Trade Promotion Authority

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

Introduced by Sens. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), the “Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities Act of 2015” allows the U.S. Trade Representative to present international trade agreements to Congress for an up or down vote of approval. This bipartisan legislation outlines congressional requirements, negotiating objectives and trade priorities that the administration must adhere to during international trade negotiations, and will aid USTR’s efforts to finalize negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). The Senate approved the measure by a vote of 62-37.

“AFFI commends Senators Hatch and Wyden for their leadership in promoting the economic and diplomatic importance of engaging other nations through trade,” said AFFI President and CEO Kraig R. Naasz. “AFFI commends the Senate for giving the U.S. Trade Representative the tools needed to open new markets and expand existing markets for frozen foods, which will provide new economic opportunities and jobs for U.S. workers.”

TPA legislation will now be taken up in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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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.