



June 12, 2015

Congressman Steven Palazzo  
United States Congress  
Fourth District, Mississippi  
331 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Palazzo:

I am writing to you today to urge you to support the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015.

As the Executive Director of the Hancock Chamber of Commerce, I represent more than 1,500 member representatives who advocate for a competitive and fair business environment. The Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act provides direction on how we can streamline trade, improve enforcement and measure progress with U. S. Customs and Border Protection to move the ever-increasing volume of legitimate trade more efficiently. We must also take measures to halt trade that does not comply with U. S. Laws.

I hope you will insure that the bill that is up for consideration today will:  
Facilitate and streamline the flow of legitimate trade;  
Modernize the U. S. Customs and Border Protection's automated systems; and,  
Enforce U. S. trade laws.

This swift action will help reduce paperwork burdens on the private sector. It will also set requirements and establish deadlines for agencies with border responsibility to share information electronically to expedite import and export trade. Through enforcement, the business sector will now have a fair playing field in which to do business.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter for the business community of your district and the entire United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tish H. Williams".

Tish H. Williams  
Executive Director