



June 4, 2015

The Honorable Stephen Palazzo
331 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Palazzo:

On behalf of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, it is indeed my pleasure to submit this letter of support for the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015, which promotes enforcement of rules governing trade practices. In addition, we also support the finalizing of current, imminent international trade agreements, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

The Port of Gulfport is presently engaged in a \$570 million restoration and expansion project, which will significantly increase cargo handling capacity. Passage of such legislation, as well as the trade agreements, will greatly enhance cargo prospects.

Increased opportunities for trade result in increased business opportunities and jobs. In the port industry, we provide the gateways to regional and global markets which connect the American farmers, manufacturers and consumers to the world marketplace. Mississippi's ports are well positioned to address the expanded market access that can increase by passage of this important legislation.

Thank you for your support on this important matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan T. Daniels", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jonathan T. Daniels
Executive Director and C.E.O.