

June 11, 2015

Congressman Steven Palazzo
United States House of Representatives
331 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Palazzo:

I am writing in support of H.R. 1314, the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015. Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) passage is critical to expanding opportunities for Mississippi companies to sell more products overseas.

Free and fair trade agreements which may result from TPA's passage will also increase opportunities for our Mississippi ports. As you know, significant investments to expand and modernize our port infrastructure are underway which will better position our region to compete for opportunities resulting from future trade agreements.

Thank you for your leadership on issues important to the economic growth of the Mississippi Gulf Coast region and I hope you will consider supporting passage of renewed Trade Promotion Authority.

Sincerely,

GULF COAST BUSINESS COUNCIL



Jack Norris, President

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