

As the [job title] of [company], which is based in [town and state], and alongside my colleagues in the broader U.S. travel and tourism industry, I write to express my support for the granting of trade promotion authority to the administration.

Since 1974, Congress has authorized the administration to negotiate trade agreements with our trade partners while retaining the right of Congress to hold an up-or-down vote on those negotiations before they are implemented. Providing the administration with Trade Promotion Authority (also known as “fast track” authority) allows the administration the ability to negotiate in good faith with other nations while at the same time guaranteeing Congress the ability to set parameters for those discussions.

As the U.S.’s leading service export, the travel and tourism industry has become an increasingly important component of trade negotiations in recent years. According the 2013 data, the industry generates upwards of \$2.1 trillion in economic output, supports 14.9 million jobs and represents \$134 million in tax revenue. On average, travelers to the U.S. spend \$2.4 billion a day, \$101.4 million an hour, \$1.7 million a minute and \$28,154 a second. Unfortunately, without trade promotion authority, negotiations over critical issues key to the travel and tourism industry go unresolved, limiting the sectors continued growth and expansion.

I urge you and your colleagues to give serious consideration the impact trade promotion authority has on the travel and tourism sector, and hope that I can count on your support.