

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Senators Murray and Cantwell:

Washington's food producers would like to express our sincere appreciation for your courageous decision to approve Trade Promotion Authority (TPA). Your vote not only sets the stage to bring the world closer together, it promises to provide multiple American industries—including agriculture— with a more level playing field.

We understand your decision to approve the President's "fast track" authority to negotiate the treaty was not without a political cost. Unions and other of your progressive allies are focusing their ire on the vote which makes your decision to place what is best for the next generation ahead of what is best for your next election even more remarkable. Your TPA vote is the mark of great statesmen. Or in the case of our two U.S. Senators: Stateswomen.

As Washington's agriculture industry has watched both of you struggle with difficult choices over the last few years, our admiration for your instincts and intellect has only increased. Aristotle said "You will never do anything in this world without courage." We agree. Thank you again for your courage and willingness to do what is right rather than what is popular.

Sincerely,

Hop Growers of Washington  
Northwest Food Processors Association  
USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council  
U.S. Pea and Lentil Trade Association  
Washington Association of Wheat Growers  
Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers  
Washington Cattlemen's Association  
Washington Cattle Feeders Association  
Washington Dry Pea and Lentil Commission  
Washington Farm Bureau  
Washington Friends Farms and Forests  
Washington Grain Commission  
Washington State Fruit Commission  
Washington State Hay Growers Association  
Washington State Potato Commission  
Washington Wine Institute  
Western Pea and Lentil Growers Association