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Statement By Secretary Jeh C. Johnson On The Trade Promotion Authority

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The Department of Homeland Security plays a critical role in enforcing trade laws that protect the public health and safety of American consumers. Every day, DHS personnel serving at our nation's border facilitate billions of dollars in imports and exports and help ensure that American businesses get the benefit of all the economic opportunities the United States has negotiated over the years. From this unique vantage point, we recognize the importance of comprehensive, enforceable trade agreements to global trade and national economic competitiveness.

Trade Promotion Authority ensures that the U.S. is well positioned to negotiate such agreements, and allows U.S. leaders to obtain the best outcomes for American workers and businesses. I applaud congressional action on this vital piece of legislation.

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