



ACTION for Trade: Statement on TPA Auto-Renewal

WASHINGTON (July 2) — Today, ACTION for Trade executive director Brian Pomper issued the following statement regarding the automatic extension of Trade Promotion Authority on July 1 for another three years.

"When Congress passed Trade Promotion Authority in 2015, it directed the president to secure strong intellectual property protections in U.S. trade agreements. Such IP protections enable U.S. firms to produce innovative products and technologies that spur U.S. job growth, boost the U.S. economy and improve people's lives."

"By allowing this three-year extension, Congress has reaffirmed the importance of negotiating trade agreements with strong IP protections.

"As the voice for America's most creative and innovative business sectors, ACTION for Trade looks forward to working with the Trump administration and Congress to ensure that a modernized NAFTA and other future trade agreements include strong intellectual property standards consistent with the mandate in TPA."

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About ACTION for Trade: The American Creative, Technology, and Innovative Organizations Network is a coalition of trade associations and businesses dedicated to shaping U.S. trade policy. ACTION for Trade aims to make sure U.S. trade policy and trade agreements foster innovation and creativity and protect the intellectual property that drives U.S. trade competitiveness. ACTION for Trade also seeks to help shape global trade standards to advance American creativity and innovation, to grow IPR-enabled U.S. services trade surplus, and to open new markets for American creators and innovators.

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