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Michigan Corn Growers Urge Swift Passage of Trade Promotion Authority

LANSING – The **Michigan Corn Growers Association** (MCGA) today applauded the Senate Finance Committee for advancing the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (TPA-2015) out of committee and urged Congress to act swiftly to pass the final bill.

“Trade Promotion Authority will benefit Michigan farmers by expanding market access and removing barriers to trade,” said **Jim Zook**, executive director of the MCGA. “With 95 percent of consumers living outside of the United States, growing our agriculture sector will depend on growing our exports. We applaud the Senate Finance Committee for advancing this bill and urge the full Senate to pass it without delay.”

Agricultural exports support more than one million American jobs and the U.S. is forecast to export more than \$141 billion in agricultural goods in 2015.

TPA sets procedures for the President to pursue trade agreements in consultation with Congress and gives the President authority to submit trade agreements to Congress for an up-or-down vote without amendments. This authority is critical to trade negotiations, as it assures U.S. trading partners that a final deal won’t be altered by Congress.

The Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) is a grassroots organization of grower members dedicated to increasing the profitability of corn production. The MCGA is the only organization in Michigan that works solely on behalf of the state’s corn growers for pro-agricultural legislation. The MCGA works to ensure that corn growers’ voices are heard at the local, state and national levels. Find out more online at www.micorn.org.

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