



IBM Statement on Senate Passage of Trade Promotion Authority

Washington, D.C. (May 22, 2015) – IBM today welcomed the U.S. Senate’s passage of the Bipartisan Trade Priorities and Accountability Act with the following statement:

“Today’s vote on trade promotion authority is a vital step toward aligning America’s trade policy with the realities of the 21st Century digital economy.

Data is changing everything – from the way businesses market products and services to the way we plan our daily commutes. By safeguarding global data flows, this bill and subsequent trade agreements such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership will open new markets for America’s latest data-driven innovations.

IBM now urges the U.S. House of Representatives to swiftly pass its own trade promotion authority bill. Doing so, and closing the Trans-Pacific Partnership, will drive economic growth by giving U.S. businesses a fair chance to compete in the worldwide digital economy.”

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