



**ALLIANCE
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The Alliance for Healthcare Competitiveness
*Improving lives, creating jobs and meeting the healthcare needs of a
growing global population*

January 23, 2014

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader, U.S. Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McConnell:

The Alliance for Healthcare Competitiveness (AHC) supports the Bipartisan Trade Priorities Act of 2014, which will pave the way for trade agreements that create jobs and grow the US economy, while improving access to life-saving medical goods and services to millions of patients.

AHC is a coalition representing America's leading healthcare employers, both for profit and non-profit, reflecting the entire healthcare "ecosystem." The American health sector is among the world's largest and most innovative engines for economic growth, offering vast trade potential. Private sector health companies employ over 15 million Americans, account for 19 percent of all job creation, and produce over \$2 trillion annually in goods and services.

The United States is currently pursuing several ambitious trade agreements that will open markets and transform the global trading system. The Trans-Pacific Partnership, Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, Information Technology Agreement and Trade in Services Agreement present tremendous opportunities for American companies and workers. TPA is a crucial step toward ensuring that these trade agreements deliver on their promise. AHC lauds the efforts taken by Congress in developing the Trade Priorities Act, and looks forward to a final product that will receive strong, bipartisan support.

Sincerely,

Claude Fontheim
Alliance for Healthcare Competitiveness, LLC



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Annex I – List of AHC Members:

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Intel Corporation
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