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Dear Leader Pelosi,

On behalf of our 15 million members and supporters from our labor union and environmental organization members, the BlueGreen Alliance thanks you for standing up for workers and the environment by voting against fast track and supporting efforts to implement fair deals that will not lead our country on a race to the bottom. As you said in your opinion piece in USA Today, "As we look to the future, it is clear that the debate on the trade authority is probably the last of its kind. The intense debate of the past few weeks has further convinced me that we need a new paradigm."

We could not agree more. A core founding principle of the BlueGreen Alliance is a just trade policy for the 21st century that promotes growth and prosperity across all sectors of the global society and embeds enforceable labor, environmental and human rights standards into our trade agreements. Unfortunately, Fast Track would prevent Congress from providing any meaningful input into future trade agreements, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership, thereby failing to provide the important checks and balances required to ensure the protection of workers and communities here in the United States and abroad. It is time for a paradigm shift. And we appreciate your leadership in ushering it in.

We thank you for your leadership in protecting the rights of working people, American jobs, and environmental and health protections and look forward to continuing to work with you to build a new model of trade that works for the American people.

Sincerely,

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