

# AMERICANS FOR FREE ★ TRADE

March 18, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. President:

As you consider emergency measures to mitigate the economic harm from the spread of the coronavirus, Americans for Free Trade urges you to consider taking swift action on a policy that would provide tax relief to millions of American farmers, manufacturers, families, and consumers without having to wait on action from Congress: suspending the additional tariffs placed on certain imports under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 and Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act. These tariffs are taxes that Americans pay.

According to research by Trade Partnership Worldwide LLC, suspending the Section 301 and 232 tariffs currently imposed on imports from China, and China's associated retaliation, would provide a boost to the U.S. economy of over \$75 billion, or 0.4 percent of U.S. GDP, returning discretionary income to families, encouraging capital expenditures by private companies, and instilling market confidence in decisive action to address the current economic situation. Moreover, as a set of policies that were implemented using executive authority, suspending these tariffs can be taken quickly and decisively by your Administration without further authorization steps from Congress.

Americans for Free Trade represents every part of the U.S. economy including manufacturers, farmers and agribusinesses, forest products, retailers, technology companies, service suppliers, natural gas and oil companies, importers, exporters, and other supply chain stakeholders, among them many small and family-owned businesses from across the nation.

Together, we urge you to provide tariff relief as one of the measures to help those hurting financially from the economic effects resulting from the current public health crisis.

Sincerely,

Accessories Council  
ACT | The App Association  
Agriculture Transportation Coalition (AgTC)  
ALMA, International (Association of  
Loudspeaker Manufacturing and Acoustics)

American Apparel & Footwear Association  
(AAFA)  
American Association of Exporters and  
Importers (AAEI)  
American Association of Port Authorities  
American Bakers Association

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American Bridal & Prom Industry Association (ABPIA)  
American Chemistry Council  
American Coatings Association, Inc. (ACA)  
American Down and Feather Council  
American Fly Fishing Trade Association  
American Home Furnishings Alliance  
American Lighting Association  
American Pyrotechnics Association  
American Rental Association  
American Specialty Toy Retailing Association  
American Wind Energy Association  
Arizona Technology Council  
Arkansas Grocers and Retail Merchants Association  
Association For Creative Industries  
Association for PRINT Technologies  
Association of American Publishers  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)  
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers  
Auto Care Association  
Beer Institute  
Business & Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA)  
California Retailers Association  
Chemical Industry Council of Delaware (CICD)  
Coalition of New England Companies for Trade (CONNECT)  
Colorado Retail Council  
Columbia River Customs Brokers and Forwarders Assn.  
Computer & Communications Industry Association (CCIA)  
Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA)  
Consumer Brands Association  
Consumer Technology Association  
Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA)  
CropLife America  
Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Assn. of Washington State  
Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders of Northern California  
Distilled Spirits Council of the United States  
Electronic Transactions Association  
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association (FASA)  
Fashion Jewelry & Accessories Trade Association  
Flexible Packaging Association  
Florida Ports Council  
Florida Retail Federation  
Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America (FDRA)  
Fragrance Creators Association  
Game Manufacturers Association  
Gemini Shippers Association  
Georgia Retailers  
Global Chamber®  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Greeting Card Association  
Halloween Industry Association  
Hide Council of America  
Hobby Manufacturers Association  
Home Fashion Products Association  
Home Furnishings Association  
Household and Commercial Products Association  
Idaho Retailers Association  
Illinois Retail Merchants Association  
Independent Office Products & Furniture Dealers Association (IOPFDA)  
Indiana Retail Council  
Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)  
International Foodservice Distributors Association  
International Housewares Association  
International Warehouse and Logistics Association  
International Wood Products Association  
Internet Association  
ISSA - The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association  
Juice Products Association (JPA)  
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association  
Licensing Industry Merchandisers' Association  
Los Angeles Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Assn.  
Louisiana Retailers Association  
Maine Grocers & Food Producers Association  
Maine Lobster Dealers' Association

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Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay  
Maryland Retailers Association  
Methanol Institute  
Michigan Chemistry Council  
Michigan Retailers Association  
Minnesota Retailers Association  
Missouri Retailers Association  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
Motorcycle Industry Council  
NAPIM (National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers)  
National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS)  
National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD)  
National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones (NAFTZ)  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Music Merchants  
National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers  
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers (NATM)  
National Confectioners Association  
National Council of Chain Restaurants  
National Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association of America  
National Foreign Trade Council  
National Grocers Association  
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Restaurant Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Ski & Snowboard Retailers Association  
National Sporting Goods Association  
Natural Products Association  
New Jersey Retail Merchants Association  
North American Association of Uniform Manufacturers and Distributors (NAUMD)  
North Carolina Retail Merchants Association  
Ohio Council of Retail Merchants  
Outdoor Industry Association  
Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Assns. Inc.  
Pennsylvania Retailers' Association  
PeopleforBikes  
Personal Care Products Council  
Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council  
Petroleum Equipment & Services Association  
Plumbing Manufacturers International  
Power Tool Institute (PTI)  
Promotional Products Association International  
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association  
Retail Association of Maine  
Retail Council of New York State  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
Retailers Association of Massachusetts  
RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment)  
RV Industry Association  
San Diego Customs Brokers and Forwarders Assn.  
SEMI  
Snowsports Industries America  
Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates  
Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA)  
South Dakota Retailers Association  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America  
Sports & Fitness Industry Association  
TechNet  
Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)  
Texas Retailers Association  
Texas Water Infrastructure Network  
The Airforwarders Association  
The Fertilizer Institute  
The Hardwood Federation  
The Toy Association  
The Vinyl Institute  
Travel Goods Association  
Truck & Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA)  
United States Council for International Business  
United States Fashion Industry Association  
US Global Value Chain Coalition  
US-China Business Council  
Virginia Retail Merchants Association

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Virginia-DC District Export Council (VA-DC  
DEC)

Washington Retail Association

Window and Door Manufacturers Association  
World Pet Association, Inc. (WPA)

CC: Ambassador Robert Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative  
Secretary Steven Mnuchin, Department of the Treasury  
Secretary Wilbur Ross, Department of Commerce  
Secretary Sonny Perdue, Department of Agriculture  
Administrator Jovita Carranza, Small Business Administration  
Director Larry Kudlow, National Economic Council