

AMERICANS FOR FREE ★ TRADE

January 9, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

Congratulations on becoming a Member of the 116th Congress. We appreciate your dedication to public service and your willingness to make the many sacrifices entailed by Federal service.

Our companies and associations joined together to form Americans for Free Trade (www.americansforfreetrade.com), a growing coalition comprised of manufacturers, farmers and agribusinesses, retailers, technology companies, service providers, natural gas and oil companies, importers and exporters, and other supply chain stakeholders who are united in their concern about the negative impacts that indiscriminate tariffs will continue to have on U.S. businesses, workers and consumers.

The 116th Congress is beginning during a period of unprecedented economic growth and job creation, yet continued prosperity is not a foregone conclusion. We share the broadly-held concern about the impact to the U.S. economy of the Section 301 tariffs on imports from China, Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum imports and corresponding retaliation against U.S. exports. We agree that China must be held to account for its violations of our trade laws and the international trade obligations all nations share. However, imposition of a tariff of up to 25 percent on \$250 billion worth of China products – and the threat to impose a similar duty on \$267 billion more of such products – will not remedy the situation. We continue to see stories on a daily basis about companies, both large and small, who are being harmed by these tariffs. Similarly, the tariffs on imported steel and aluminum, and the resulting retaliatory tariffs on U.S. exports are further harming U.S. companies of all sizes.

Over decades, Americans have built global supply chains that reflect the U.S. economy's strengths and those of its trading partners. These supply chains have made the U.S. economy even more dependent upon relationships with key economic and strategic allies than ever before. Supply chains are extremely complex and they cannot be shifted overnight. The disruption caused by the use of tariffs seeks to harm these key relationships and damage the U.S. economy, which still remains extremely strong.

AFT has joined with Farmers for Free Trade to support the “Tariffs Hurt the Heartland” campaign (www.tariffshurt.com) to highlight and show the negative impacts of the tariffs to businesses large and small, workers and families.

We hope you will lend your support to AFT’s efforts across the country and participate in in-district events with affected stakeholders. We also strongly encourage Congress to exercise its oversight role on trade policy matters to prevent further harm to U.S. workers, consumers, and families that will result from both the existing and proposed tariffs.

We invite you to learn more about the negative impact of tariffs in your state by visiting www.tariffshurt.com/state-impact-reports. If you have questions about the AFT coalition, please visit www.americansforfreetrade.com or contact info@americansforfreetrade.com.

Sincerely,

Accessories Council	California Retailers Association
Agriculture Transportation Coalition (AgTC)	Coalition of New England Companies for Trade (CONNECT)
ALMA, International (Association of Loudspeaker Manufacturing and Acoustics)	Coalition of Services Industries (CSI)
American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA)	Colorado Retail Council
American Association of Exporters and Importers (AAEI)	Columbia River Customs Brokers and Forwarders Assn.
American Association of Port Authorities	Computer & Communications Industry Association (CCIA)
American Bakers Association	Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA)
American Chemistry Council	Consumer Technology Association
American Coatings Association, Inc. (ACA)	Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA)
American Down and Feather Council	CropLife America
American Home Furnishings Alliance	Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Assn. of Washington State
American Lighting Association	Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders of Northern California
American Petroleum Institute	Distilled Spirits Council of the United States
American Pyrotechnics Association	Electronic Transactions Association
American Rental Association	Fashion Accessories Shippers Association (FASA)
American Specialty Toy Retailing Association	Fashion Jewelry & Accessories Trade Association
Arizona Technology Council	Flexible Packaging Association
Arkansas Grocers and Retail Merchants Association	Florida Ports Council
Association For Creative Industries	Florida Retail Federation
Association for PRINT Technologies	Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America (FDRA)
Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)	Fragrance Creators Association
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers	Gemini Shippers Association
Auto Care Association	
BSA The Software Alliance	
Business & Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA)	

Georgia Retailers
 Global Chamber®
 Global Cold Chain Alliance
 Grocery Manufacturers Association
 Halloween Industry 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
 Juice Products Association (JPA)
 Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association
 Los Angeles Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Assn.
 Louisiana Retailers Association
 Maine Grocers & Food Producers Association
 Maine Lobster Dealers' Association
 Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay
 Maryland Retailers Association
 Methanol Institute
 Michigan Chemistry Council
 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 Trailer Manufacturers (NATM)
 National Confectioners Association
 National Council of Chain Restaurants
 National Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association of America
 National Electrical Equipment Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
 National Fisheries Institute
 National Foreign Trade Council
 National Grocers Association
 National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association
 National Marine Manufacturers Association
 National Restaurant Association
 National Retail Federation
 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
 Organization for International Investment
 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)
 Precious Metals Association of North America (PMANA)
 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
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)
U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association
United States Council for International Business
United States Fashion Industry Association
US Global Value Chain Coalition
US-China Business Council
Virginia Retail Merchants Association
Virginia-DC District Export Council (VA-DC DEC)
Washington Retail Association
Window and Door Manufacturers Association
World Pet Association, Inc. (WPA)