

# 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)	Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders of Northern California
American Chemistry Council	Distilled Spirits Council of the United States
American Coatings Association, Inc. (ACA)	Electronic Transactions Association
American Down and Feather Council	Fashion Accessories Shippers Association (FASA)
American Fly Fishing Trade Association	Fashion Jewelry & Accessories Trade Association
American Home Furnishings Alliance	Flexible Packaging Association
American Lighting Association	Florida Ports Council
American Pyrotechnics Association	Florida Retail Federation
American Rental Association	Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America (FDRA)
American Specialty Toy Retailing Association	Fragrance Creators Association
American Wind Energy Association	Game Manufacturers Association
Arizona Technology Council	Gemini Shippers Association
Arkansas Grocers and Retail Merchants Association	Georgia Retailers
Association For Creative Industries	Global Chamber®
Association for PRINT Technologies	Global Cold Chain Alliance
Association of American Publishers	Greeting Card Association
Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)	Halloween Industry Association
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers	Hide Council of America
Auto Care Association	Hobby Manufacturers Association
Beer Institute	Home Fashion Products Association
Business & Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA)	Home Furnishings Association
California Retailers Association	Household and Commercial Products Association
Chemical Industry Council of Delaware (CICD)	Idaho Retailers Association
Coalition of New England Companies for Trade (CONNECT)	Illinois Retail Merchants Association
Colorado Retail Council	Independent Office Products & Furniture Dealers Association (IOPFDA)
Columbia River Customs Brokers and Forwarders Assn.	Indiana Retail Council
Computer & Communications Industry Association (CCIA)	Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)
Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA)	International Foodservice Distributors Association
Consumer Brands Association	International Housewares Association
Consumer Technology Association	International Warehouse and Logistics Association
Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA)	International Wood Products Association
CropLife America	Internet Association
Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Assn. of Washington State	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	Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
Maryland Retailers Association	Outdoor Industry Association
Methanol Institute	Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Assns. Inc.
Michigan Chemistry Council	Pennsylvania Retailers' Association
Michigan Retailers Association	PeopleforBikes
Minnesota Retailers Association	Personal Care Products Council
Missouri Retailers Association	Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association	Petroleum Equipment & Services Association
Motorcycle Industry Council	Plumbing Manufacturers International
NAPIM (National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers)	Power Tool Institute (PTI)
National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS)	Promotional Products Association International
National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD)	Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones (NAFTZ)	Retail Association of Maine
National Association of Home Builders	Retail Council of New York State
National Association of Music Merchants	Retail Industry Leaders Association
National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers	Retailers Association of Massachusetts
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers (NATM)	RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment)
National Confectioners Association	RV Industry Association
National Council of Chain Restaurants	San Diego Customs Brokers and Forwarders Assn.
National Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association of America	SEMI
National Foreign Trade Council	Snowsports Industries America
National Grocers Association	Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association	Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA)
National Marine Manufacturers Association	South Dakota Retailers Association
National Restaurant Association	Specialty Equipment Market Association
National Retail Federation	Specialty Vehicle Institute of America
National Ski & Snowboard Retailers Association	Sports & Fitness Industry Association
National Sporting Goods Association	TechNet
Natural Products Association	Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)
New Jersey Retail Merchants Association	Texas Retailers Association
North American Association of Uniform Manufacturers and Distributors (NAUMD)	Texas Water Infrastructure Network
North Carolina Retail Merchants Association	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