

June 26, 2018

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE:

On behalf of the undersigned business and agriculture organizations, we are writing to support legislation (S. 3013) by Senator Corker and a bipartisan group of senators to require the President to submit to Congress any proposal to raise tariffs in the interest of national security under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.

The U.S. business and agriculture communities are deeply concerned that the President's unrestricted use of section 232 to impose tariffs may not be in the national interest. It is now also increasingly clear that the way the steel and aluminum tariffs have been used will result in retaliatory tariffs from our largest trading partners and closest allies, and that retaliation will have serious negative economic impacts on the United States. The tariffs are also undermining U.S. efforts to build an international coalition of like-minded countries to join the United States in combating the use of unfair trade and investment policies.

In addition, a new threat to levy a 25% tariff on all imported automobiles and auto parts would inflict enormous harm on the U.S. economy. Approximately \$350 billion of imports would be affected, and retaliation on the same order would be expected. The U.S. auto industry — the nation's largest manufacturing sector — and many downstream industries would be profoundly harmed by this action, as would sectors such as agriculture and chemical manufacturing that would be targeted in retaliation. The economic impact of this action would be approximately 10 times larger than that of the tariffs on imported metals.

As you know, Article I of the Constitution assigns the Congress exclusive authority to regulate foreign trade and levy taxes, including tariffs. The Congress used this power to delegate to the President the authority to impose tariffs, without Congressional oversight, to safeguard national security in the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. While the President should still have this type of authority, the current circumstances highlight the need for Congress to ensure that the authority will be used, as intended by the Congress, in the overall national interest.

The legislation offered by Senator Corker and his colleagues is designed to accomplish this limited objective. The President will retain the power to impose tariffs to protect the national security subject only to confirmation by the Congress that the power is being properly used. This change is appropriate and overdue, and we urge you to support it when it is brought forward for a vote in the Senate.

Sincerely,

**National Associations**

Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

American Apparel & Footwear Association

American Association of Exporters and Importers

American Bakers Association  
American Chemistry Council  
American Feed Industry Association  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Gear Manufacturers Association  
American International Automobile Dealers Association  
American Petroleum Institute  
American Trucking Associations  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Association of American Railroads  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Association of Global Automakers  
Auto Care Association  
Business Roundtable  
Coalition for GSP  
Coalition of American Metal Manufacturers and Users  
Computer & Communications Industry Association  
Council for Responsible Nutrition  
Electronic Transactions Association  
Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance  
Federation of American Hospitals  
Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Household & Commercial Products Association  
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association  
International Wood Products Association  
Internet Association  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Beer Wholesalers Association  
National Confectioners Association  
National Foreign Trade Council  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Retail Federation  
Organization for International Investment  
Personal Care Products Council  
Pet Food Institute  
Plastics Industry Association  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
SEMI  
Software & Information Industry Association

The Hardwood Federation  
The Toy Association  
Transportation Intermediaries Association  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
U.S. Fashion Industry Association  
U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association  
Vinyl Institute  
WineAmerica

### **State & Local Groups**

Alaska Chamber  
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce  
Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce  
Ames Chamber of Commerce  
Archbold Area Chamber of Commerce  
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/Associated Industries of  
Arkansas  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Association of Washington Business  
Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Baton Rouge Area Chamber  
Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce  
Billings Chamber of Commerce  
Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Blackwell Industrial Authority  
Boise Metro Chamber  
Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce  
Border Trade Alliance  
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce  
Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Buffalo Niagara Partnership  
Bunn Properties  
Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire  
Business Council of Alabama  
Caldwell Chamber of Commerce  
Camarillo Chamber of Commerce  
Campbell County Chamber of Commerce  
Capital Region Chamber  
Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance

Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce  
Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg  
Chamber of Commerce Hawaii  
Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama  
Chamber Southwest Louisiana  
Chamber630  
ChamberWest Chamber of Commerce  
Chandler Chamber of Commerce  
Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry  
Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry  
Colorado Business Roundtable  
Colorado Competitive Council  
Colorado Farm Bureau  
Columbia Chamber of Commerce  
Commerce Lexington Inc.  
Connecticut Business & Industry Association  
Council of the Great Lakes Region  
Davis Chamber of Commerce  
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Daytona Regional Chamber  
Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce  
Detroit Regional Chamber  
Dinuba Chamber of Commerce  
Economic Alliance Snohomish County  
Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce  
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association  
Fayette Area Chamber of Commerce  
Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce  
Ferndale Chamber of Commerce  
Florida Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc  
Gemini Shippers Association  
Georgia Chamber of Commerce  
Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Des Moines Partnership  
Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Houston LGBT Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce

Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Memphis Chamber  
Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce  
Greater New Orleans, Inc.  
Greater North Dakota Chamber  
Greater OKC Chamber  
Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Phoenix Chamber  
Greater Reading Chamber Alliance  
Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Spokane Incorporated  
Greenville Chamber  
Harford County Chamber of Commerce  
Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC  
Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce  
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce  
Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce  
Hudson County Chamber of Commerce  
Imaging Supplies Coalition (ISC)  
Indiana Chamber of Commerce  
Indy Chamber  
International Association of Drilling Contractors  
Iowa Association of Business and Industry  
Iowa Chamber Alliance  
Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce  
Jackson County Chamber of Commerce  
Jerome 20/20, Inc.  
Johnson City/Jonesborough/Wash. County Chamber of Commerce  
Kalispell Chamber of Commerce  
Kansas Chamber  
Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce  
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Kingsport Chamber of Commerce  
La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce  
La Pine Chamber Of Commerce  
Lancaster Chamber  
Laredo Chamber of Commerce  
Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce

Lincoln Chamber of Commerce  
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce  
Longview Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce  
Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce  
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce  
Maine State Chamber of Commerce  
Marana Chamber of Commerce  
Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce  
Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce  
Maryland Chamber of Commerce  
Massachusetts Package Stores Association  
McAllen Chamber of Commerce  
Meade County Chamber of Commerce  
Metro Atlanta Chamber  
Metro South Chamber of Commerce  
Michigan City Chamber of Commerce  
Minneapolis Regional Chamber  
Mississippi Economic Council - The State Chamber of Commerce  
Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce  
Monroe Chamber of Commerce  
Montana Chamber of Commerce  
Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce  
Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce  
National Tooling and Machining Association  
New Orleans Chamber of Commerce  
North Carolina Chamber  
North Country Chamber of Commerce  
North Orange County Chamber of Commerce  
North San Antonio Chamber  
North San Diego Business Chamber  
North Texas Commission  
North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce  
Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Ohio Chamber of Commerce  
Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce  
Overland Park Chamber of Commerce  
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce

Pasadena Chamber of Commerce  
Pasco Chamber of Commerce  
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
Perry County Chamber of Commerce, LLC  
Plano Chamber of Commerce  
Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Precision Machined Products Association  
Precision Metalforming Association  
Regional Chamber of Commerce San Gabriel Valley  
Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce  
Rolling Meadows Chamber  
Salt Lake Chamber  
San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce  
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce  
Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Selma and Dallas County Chamber of Commerce  
Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce  
South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce  
South Bend Regional Chamber  
South County Chamber of Commerce  
Southwest California Legislative Council  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Spencer County Regional Chamber of Commerce  
St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce  
Stanly County Chamber of Commerce  
State Chamber of Oklahoma  
Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber  
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, INC  
The Business Council of New York State  
The Chamber Grand Forks East Grand Forks  
The Chamber of Lawrence Kansas  
The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County  
The Chamber of the Santa Barbara Region

The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce  
The Home Furnishings Association  
The San Antonio Chamber of Commerce  
The Silicon Valley Organization  
The United Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce  
Travel Goods Association  
Traverse City (MI) Area Chamber of Commerce  
Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association  
Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Tucson Metro Chamber  
Tulsa Regional Chamber  
TwinWest Chamber of Commerce  
Union County, KY Chamber of Commerce  
United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce  
United States Council for International Business  
Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce  
Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce  
Washington Retail Association  
West Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce  
White Pine Chamber of Commerce  
Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce  
York County Economic Alliance  
Yuma County Chamber of Commerce