

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Ambassador Katherine Tai  
United States Trade Representative  
600 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20508

Dear President Biden and Ambassador Tai:

As the Administration continues its interagency review of Section 301 tariffs, we write to express the critical need to maintain or increase the tariffs to address China's continued actions to cheat and undermine our national security. Maintaining the scope and impact of these tariffs benefits American workers, manufacturers, and their communities, and holds China accountable for the country's continued anti-competitive practices. We welcome your diligence to protect American steel from China's cheating and urge you to apply the same diligence to all 301 tariffs.

Section 301 tariffs were imposed in 2018 after an investigation by the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to address China's implementation of a policy agenda that was, and remains, detrimental to the United States. China's policies regarding intellectual property, technology transfer, and innovation discriminate against the United States, creating trade barriers that negatively impact American commerce. Tariffs are an important tool to level the playing field and combat anti-competitive practices from non-market economies and trade cheats, and they must remain in place.

China has continued to cheat, circumvent, and manipulate to artificially strengthen its economy and harm the United States. Across sectors like steel, solar products, and electric vehicles, China employs tactics to distort markets and create artificially low prices by illegally subsidizing its industries and producing to overcapacity. These practices disrupt global product demand and supply chains and threaten the goals of the United States' industrial policy. Our communities are left reeling from the impact.

Generations of free trade agreements that prioritize multinational corporations have devastated our communities, harmed our economy, and crippled our job market. Keeping the 301 tariffs in place and increasing the tariffs where necessary maintains a critical piece of a pro-worker trade agenda. Any reduction in the 301 tariffs allows China to gain a competitive advantage over hardworking Americans. American workers can compete with anyone if they have a level

playing field, and now is not the time to roll back support.

We strongly urge you to maintain or increase the 301 tariffs to stand with American workers and hold China accountable. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



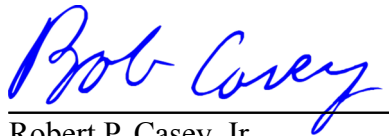
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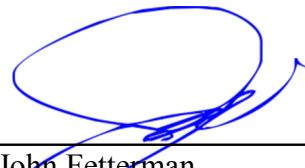
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