

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 11, 2020

The Honorable Robert Lighthizer  
United States Trade Representative  
600 17th St. NW  
Washington DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

We write today to strongly urge you to extend all active exclusions from the Section 301 China tariffs, which are currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 2020, for an appropriate amount of time to provide economic stability as businesses grapple the unprecedented hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

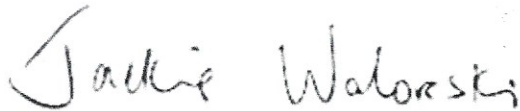
This issue is of vital importance. Our economy remains in a fragile state due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and many of the expiring exclusions are critical to the pandemic response. They cover inputs for household and professional cleaning goods, as well as personal protective equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies for doctor's offices and hospitals. This includes equipment for the administration of the vaccines that we all hope will defeat COVID-19. We should certainly examine our reliance on China for these articles and increase U.S. production, and we are actively engaged in crafting policies to do so. However, reducing tariffs is still necessary to maximize our supply of PPE and other supplies while companies build production capacity in the U.S. and re-shore supply chains.

Additionally, extending these exclusions will provide needed certainty for employers and help save jobs. The impact of expiration would be especially felt by small businesses that have been hardest hit through no fault of their own by stay-at-home orders and other measures taken to fight the pandemic. We recognize that the exclusions were granted in part on the premise that businesses need adequate time to relocate their supply chains out of China. However, manufacturing has taken a severe hit this year, making it extremely difficult amid this crisis to identify potential suppliers in the United States or abroad. With global travel essentially shut down, it has been difficult, if not impossible, for company representatives to travel to and inspect potential new sites and to build relationships with new partners. Again, small businesses are disproportionately harmed.

Extending exclusions before they expire will help with pandemic response, and it will save jobs, businesses, and livelihoods. We strongly urge you to extend all active exclusions before they expire at the end of this year.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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