

## Statement on USTR Katherine Tai's Testimony This Week

**FDRA President & CEO Matt Priest issued the following statement ahead of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai's testimony before the House Ways & Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee:**

We look forward to Ambassador Katherine Tai's testimony this week before the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committees. As she highlights the Biden Administration's 2022 trade policy agenda, we urge her to focus on inflation and the need to provide tariff relief for American consumers. President Biden recently announced combating inflation as his top priority. If the Administration is serious about addressing this critical issue, it should provide immediate tariff relief. Earlier this month, we sent a letter to President Biden urging him to eliminate tariffs on shoes and other basic consumer through Labor Day 2022. Bold action is needed to stop soaring inflation, and trade policy provides a key tool for providing much-needed relief for American individuals and families.

**Read FDRA's letter to President Biden [here](#).**

**Ambassador Tai will testify before the House Ways & Means Committee on Wednesday, March 30 at 10:00 am ET and the Senate Finance Committee on Thursday, March 31 at 10:00 am ET.**

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