Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jamieson Greer
United States Trade Representative
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Dear Ambassador Greer,

Thank you for your leadership in advancing a trade agenda that prioritizes American jobs and economic growth to ensure a level playing for the United States. We commend you for the recently concluded Agreements on Reciprocal Trade, including those in the Western Hemisphere that removed barriers to U.S. exports while preserving the important benefits of the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR), especially for apparel, footwear, and travel goods.

As you finalize the current Section 301 investigations and consider potential remedies at the conclusion of those investigations, we respectfully urge you to ensure that apparel, footwear, and travel goods are not disproportionately impacted by cumulative tariff stacking, particularly as families prepare for the back-to-school season. These consumer products already face some of the highest general duty rates and layering additional tariffs on top of those Most Favored Nation (MFN) rates can create cumulative tariff levels well above those faced by goods in many other sectors.

Generally capping the cumulative tariff rates for apparel, footwear, and travel goods, for example at the greater of 20 percent or MFN for countries other than China, will further strengthen the trade dominance established through President Trump's trade policy while avoiding unintended cost pressures on American families. This targeted approach would preserve the Administration's broader trade strategy and negotiating leverage while ensuring that one consumer-facing sector is not asked to bear more than its fair share.

This issue is especially timely as families prepare for the back-to-school season. School clothes, children's shoes, backpacks, and other basic goods are everyday necessities for working families. Many parents are already spreading out purchases over a longer period to manage household budgets, and excessive tariff stacking could add unnecessary pressure during a season when families are focused on getting their children classroom-ready.

We appreciate your dedication to strengthening our nation's broad economic interests and look forward to continuing our work together to advance the President's trade agenda.

Thank you for your attention to these critical issues.

Sincerely,

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