



President Donald J. Trump
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
 Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President,

The undersigned represent the world's largest and most innovative retail companies, accounting for more than \$1.5 trillion in annual sales and tens of millions of American jobs. The retail sector, along with our domestic suppliers and solution providers, all contribute to a healthy economy and meet the needs of American families as the cornerstone of our nation's communities.

Millions of Americans are going back to work as unemployment is falling, wages are rising, and economic growth is reaching highs not seen in over a decade. We support holding our trading partners accountable and using targeted trade remedies against intellectual property theft, illegal dumping or subsidies, and other proven trade violations. After all, our companies and the workers we employ thrive in a rules-based globalized economy where markets are open, trade rules and obligations are met, and governance is fair and transparent.

At the same time, we are concerned about the negative impact as you consider remedial actions under Section 301 of the Trade Act could have on America's working families. Investigating technology and intellectual property policies and practices is critically important to our innovative economy. Yet were this investigation to result in a broadly applied tariff remedy on imports from China, it would hurt American households with higher prices and exacerbate a U.S. tariff system that is already stacked against working families.

In the U.S., those who can afford less pay more because the U.S. levies the highest tariffs on basic consumer goods. For example, families shopping in our stores pay higher prices because America already levies import taxes as much as 32 and 67 percent on basic clothes and shoes. Applying any additional broad-based tariff as part of a Section 301 action would worsen this inequity and punish American working families with higher prices on household basics like clothing, shoes, electronics, and home goods.

We look forward to working with you on a pro-growth agenda that benefits American workers and their families. As you continue to investigate harmful technology and intellectual property practices, we ask that any remedy carefully consider the impact on consumer prices. We must do right by American families while also addressing harmful technology practices.

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