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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
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President Trump,

I am writing to urge you to reconsider your global trade policies that impose blanket tariffs on nearly all United States trading partners. The American people are already feeling the burden of increased prices on everyday goods because of your tariffs. As more time passes, costs will increase further.¹

While tariffs can be effective in limited, short-term circumstances, the reckless way these tariffs have been applied is not an effective way to improve trade between the United States and the rest of the world. They run counter to the free-market principles our country was founded on and further isolate the United States on the world stage.

Despite claims made by your administration that tariffs would lower prices, they have increased the cost of living for Americans. Tariffs will never work on products that cannot be produced in the United States. Take coffee, for example. The United States produces less than one percent of coffee beans globally.² In this case, the only possible outcome of these tariffs is increased prices for the American people, whether they are making coffee at home or buying it from a small business.³ The amount of coffee production in the United States can never meet domestic demand. This tariff policy is short-sighted, misguided, and will only hurt the pockets of the American people.

Your tariffs are a tax on the American people. It is well-established that the cost of tariffs is passed on to consumers. The American people are footing the bill. Small businesses are taking hits as they are forced to either absorb the increased costs or pass them on to customers.

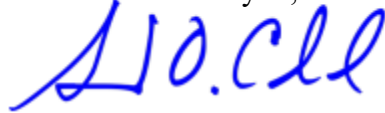
¹ <https://www.cnn.com/2025/08/24/economy/us-tariffs-passthrough-consumers>

² <https://www.fas.usda.gov/data/production/commodity/0711100>

³ <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/09/17/nyregion/tariffs-coffee-prices-nyc.html>

I urge you to restore free trade before small businesses suffer irreparable harm and American families face lasting financial strain.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Carbajal", written in a cursive style.

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Member of Congress