

June 14, 2019

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the undersigned American companies and the millions of workers we employ, we are writing to offer our support to you and your efforts to resolve the trade imbalance between the U.S. and China. For decades, China has been taking advantage of the U.S., and we stand firm with you and your agenda to see that America gets a better deal.

Many in the media and those self-interested in China have argued that Americans are bearing the cost of these tariffs. That is simply, false. China is bearing the burden of these tariffs. China has had to lower its prices, and they are experiencing fewer exports, lower profits, and lower tax revenue as a result of the tariffs. Additionally, we will see the Chinese economy experience a slower rate of growth and employment in the future.

Importantly, over the past year, the tariffs in question have had zero impact on the price of inflation – and this is after the U.S. levied over 250 billion dollars' worth of tariffs on China. This demonstrates that China is actually bearing the costs of the tariffs.

We support your steadfastness to stand up to large multinationals who have sold-out the American worker for low-cost labor from China. This is important for two reasons. First, America needs a strong manufacturing economy for jobs and national security, and second, China is among the world's worst abusers of human rights, as noted by many of the world's leading humanitarian aid groups. We ask that these human rights abuses be a topic of discussion as you tighten the financial grip on China.

No longer should America play second fiddle to China. It is important we stand united behind this agenda, and put country over political differences. America's national security and economy are at stake and we offer this letter as support for your tariffs on China.

Sincerely,

CC: United States Trade Representative, Ambassador Robert Lighthizer
Department of Commerce, Secretary Wilbur Ross
Department of the Treasury, Secretary Steven Mnuchin

White House Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy, Director Peter Navarro