

June 16, 2020

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Committee on Finance
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Neal
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Grassley and Neal and Ranking Members Wyden and Brady:

As you know, the current Congressional authorization of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program expires on December 31, 2020. The 222 undersigned companies and trade associations are writing to urge swift passage of legislation extending that authorization. Many U.S. companies are experiencing severe harm from the COVID-19 pandemic and the related economic downturn and are struggling to overcome these challenges, recover losses, and start growing again. Further uncertainty about whether companies will have to pay millions of dollars a day in new taxes in January 2021 is the last thing the American business community needs.

GSP supports American manufacturing by reducing costs of imported inputs, machinery and equipment, and helps American families make ends meet by lowering the costs of consumer goods imported duty free. The GSP program saved American companies over \$1 billion in import duties in 2019. Yet temporary lapses in the past have forced companies to lay off workers, freeze new hires, cut wages and benefits, and delay capital investments while awaiting congressional reauthorization. We cannot afford for that to happen again.

Swift reauthorization is not the only thing that could help recover from the pandemic-related fallout. Lost GSP benefits for India and Turkey cost American companies as much as \$375 million in new taxes between May 2019 and April 2020. A partial suspension for Thailand in April 2020 will add millions of dollars more each month in extra taxes. Similarly, American companies paid about \$100 million in tariffs in 2019 on individual products that meet the statutory thresholds for reinstated GSP benefits, but all redesignation requests were rejected during the current review. Restoring lost GSP eligibility for these products would provide significant benefits to American companies and workers.

The GSP program enjoys strong bipartisan support in Congress and a track record of creating American jobs. The sooner Congress can extend GSP's authorization, and hopefully take other steps to restore critical benefits, the better positioned U.S. businesses will be to grow and thrive again.

Sincerely,

American Apparel and Footwear Association
American Spice Trade Association
Association of Food Industries
Coalition for GSP
Consumer Technology Association
International Bottled Water Association
International Wood Products Association
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Confectioners Association
National Retail Federation
Outdoor Industry Association
Promotional Products Association International
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Sports & Fitness Industry Association
The Fashion Jewelry & Accessories Trade Association
The Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association of the United States
The National Fisheries Institute
The Oriental Rug Importers Association, Inc.
The Vision Council
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
U.S. Fashion Industry Association
3V Sigma USA Inc. (Georgetown, SC)
A & J Distributors, Inc. (Itasca, IL)
A Simpler Time (Morrisville, NC)
Acumen Electronics Inc. dba Triad Magnetics (Perris, CA)
Aditya Birla Chemicals (USA) (Florence, KY)
Adrienne Designs (Fountain Valley, CA)
Aid Through Trade, Inc. (Annapolis, MD)
Aladdin Gold Creations (Deerfield, IL)
Albaugh, LLC (Ankeny, IA)
Altray Company, Inc. (Stamford, CT)
Altuni, LLC (South Hackensack, NJ)
Alum Tech Corp. (West Melbourne, FL)
American Omni Trading Company (Katy, TX)
American Trade Sales, Inc. (New York, NY)
AMJ Gold (Glendora, CA)
Ammex (Kent, WA)
Andre Prost, Inc. (Old Saybrook, CT)
Ascena Retail Group, Inc. (New York, NY)
Auto Glass Components LLC, dba Precision Replacement Parts (Weston, WI)
B&C Technologies (Panama City Beach, FL)
Babco Foods international (Piscataway, NJ)
Bakner Manufacturing (Canton, GA)
Bazooka Candy Brands (New York, NY)
Best Deal Imports Inc (Miami, FL)
Best Flowers (San Bruno, CA)
BFB Enterprises, Inc. (Panama City, FL)
Boundary LLC (Salt Lake City, UT)
Bozel North America LLC (Temperance, MI)
Brilliant Imports LLC (Austin, TX)
Brockway-Smith Company (Wilmington, MA)
BTR International, Inc. (New York, NY)
Chantal Corp. (Houston, TX)
Classic Stone Inc (Short Hills, NJ)
Comeq (White Marsh, MD)
Complete Framer's Supply, Inc (Fort Lauderdale, FL)
Con-Tech International (New Orleans, LA)
Cortina Leathers (Conneaut, OH)
Couplamatic Systems (Scottsbluff, NE)
Cummins Inc. (Columbus, IN)
Dasan (New York, NY)
Decotone Surfaces LLC (Garwood, NJ)
Deepa Gurnani LLC (New York, NY)
Dynasty Gold Jewelers, Inc. (Oyster Bay, NY)
dZi Handmade (Easthampton, MA)
E&H Collections (New York City, NY)
Engineered Components Company (Elgin, IL)
Eppco Enterprises (Cleveland, OH)
ESTAS USA Camshaft Industry (Lake Forest, CA)
Eucatex North America (Alpharetta, GA)
Faci USA Industrial, Inc. (Lufkin, TX)
Fahy Leathers (Pacific Palisades, CA)
Fancy Imports (Los Angeles, CA)
FAZ Marketing LLC (Austin, TX)
Felman Trading Americas, Inc. (Miami, FL)
First Place Jewelry (Glendale, AZ)
Fitec International (Memphis, TN)

Fuzion Creations (New York City, NY)
Galaxy Imports (New York City, NY)
General Carbon Corporation (Paterson, NJ)
Gharda Chemicals International Inc
(Newtown, PA)
Global Digital Instruments LLC (Fairport, NY)
Global Product Solutions (Canton, CT)
Global Values Inc. (Palatine, IL)
Golden Beach Inc. (Torrance, CA)
Green Boy Group (Redondo Beach, CA)
Halsted Corporation (Cranbury, NJ)
Hardware Renaissance (Santa Fe, NM)
Herculite Products (Emigsville, PA)
Hiblow USA, Inc. (Saline, MI)
Hopkins Manufacturing Corporation (Tarpon
Springs, FL)
HRS Global LLC (Jeffersonville, IN)
HSV Automotive Inc (Spring, TX)
Hunter Chemical (Fort Washington, PA)
Hyline International (Valencia, CA)
In3redients, Inc. (Chicago, IL)
India Arts, LLC (Hayward, CA)
Indo American Stone (Kearny, NJ)
International Durus (Northridge, CA)
ISC Industries, Inc. (Carlstadt, NJ)
Italian Elegant (New York City, NY)
iTi Tropicals, Inc. (Lawrenceville, NJ)
JAJ Enterprises, LLC DBA Coach Glass
(Coburg, OR)
Jamtown, LLC (Edmonds, WA)
Jane Diaz/New York, Inc. (New York, NY)
JBH Intertrade (Garden City, NY)
Jelly Belly Candy Company (Fairfield, CA)
JK Findings (Rochester, NY)
Jubilant Industries Inc. (Yardley, PA)
Kamali Group Inc. (Great Neck, NY)
Kawasho Foods USA Inc. (New York, NY)
Kirkland Associates, Ltd. (Mcminnville, OR)
Kishek International (Costa Mesa, CA)
Kona Bicycle Company (Ferndale, WA)
KOUBOO LLC (Laguna Beach, CA)
Lamex Agrifoods Inc (Miami, FL)
Lawrence & Co., Inc (New Bedford, MA)
Lee'S Gold (Los Angeles, CA)
Leila's Linen, Inc (New York, NY)
Linbro Inc. (San Rafael, CA)
Lipper International Inc (Wallingford, CT)
Mars, Incorporated (McLean, VA)
Matr Boomie (Austin, TX)
MC Imports, LLC (Medina, MN)
MCS Jewelry (New York City, NY)
Media Imports (Los Angeles, CA)
Metal Exchange Corporation (St. Louis, MO)
Metro Gold (Miami, FL)
Meyer Corporation, U.S. (Vallejo, CA)
Mioro Gold, LLC (New York, NY)
Monahemi (New York City, NY)
Mont Granite, Inc. (Cleveland, OH)
Montana Fly Company, Llc (Columbia Falls, MT)
Monte Cristo (Southfield, MN)
MS International (Orange, CA)
NAECO, LLC (Peachtree City, GA)
National Gold (Los Angeles, CA)
Neuchem Inc. (Reno, NV)
Niagara Bottling, LLC (Diamond Bar, CA)
Noonday Collection (Austin, TX)
Nourison Industries (Calhoun, GA)
Nova Gas Technologies, Inc. (North
Charleston, SC)
NOVICA (Santa Monica, CA)
Novita (Monrovia, CA)
Nutri-Bon Distribution (Torrance, CA)
OHM International Inc (Monroe Township, NJ)
Omni Surfaces Corp. (Houston, TX)
Oro Dynamics (New York City, NY)
Oxan Inc. (Buffalo Grove, IL)
Pacific Jewelry (Huntington Park, CA)
Paradigm Trends (New York, NY)
Pieces of Bali (Dripping Springs, TX)
Pirate Pete's Soda Pop Co (Northfield, NJ)
Plastics Import NA (Wilmington, DE)

Polinas Plastics of America (Englewood Cliffs, NJ)
PolySource (Independence, MO)
Port Plastics (Azusa, CA)
Powertex, Inc. (Rouses Point, NY)
Primetac (Little Ferry, NJ)
Privi Organics USA Corp. (Edison, NJ)
Prochimie (Windsor, CT)
Quality Marble & Granite (Ontario, CA)
R.P. ASSOCIATES, LLC. (Jefferson, LA)
Randa Accessories (Rosemont, IL)
Raymond Mazza Inc (Brightwaters, NY)
Red Mountain Trading Co (Denver, CO)
Red V Foods Corp. (Buford, GA)
Ritika's Global Grains, LLC (Lexington, MA)
Rockford Corporation (Tempe, AZ)
Royal Chain Inc (New York, NY)
Royal Tropics LLC (McCall, ID)
Samick Music Corp. (Gallatin, TN)
Samsonite International S.A (Mansfield, MA)
Schreiber Foods International, Inc. (Upper Saddle River, NJ)
Scrimco Inc (Fresno, CA)
SIGMA Corporation (Cream Ridge, NJ)
Silvoro (Ocala, FL)
Sintex Minerals and Services, Inc. (Rosenberg, TX)
SIS Jewelry (Los Angeles, CA)
Sophia Foods Inc. (Brooklyn, NY)
Spanish Food Solutions LLC (Great Neck, NY)
Starz Jewelry (Dallas, TX)
Stoeger Industries Inc. (Accokeek, MD)
Stoneia (New York, NY)
Strategic Sales Partners, LLC (Fort Mill, SC)
Sumitomo Electric Wintec America, Inc. (Edmonton, KY)
Summit Specialty International, LLC (Atlanta, GA)
Sunflex Packagers Inc (Cranford, NJ)
Sunset Forest Products (Beaverton, OR)
Super Diamond (Long Island City, NY)
Tesoros Trading Company (Las Vegas, NV)
Test Rite Products, Corp. (Ontario, CA)
The Cannon Group (Westerville, OH)
The Home Depot (Atlanta, GA)
Thompson Traders, Inc. (Greensboro, NC)
Toko Indo (Orleans, MA)
Tomoe USA Inc (Houston, TX)
Torter Corporation (Montville, NJ)
Touchstone Crystal (Cranston, RI)
Trimaco, Inc. (Morrisville, NC)
Trinidad Benham Corp. (Denver, CO)
TRInternational, Inc. (Seattle, WA)
Triton Stone Group (New Orleans, LA)
Universal Arquati Moulding (Santa Clarita, CA)
Unlimited Supplies (Burr Ridge, IL)
US Asian Global Consulting (Prescott Valley, AZ)
US Electrofused Minerals, Inc. (Aliquippa, PA)
Vail International Corp. (New York, NY)
Village Originals, Inc (Orlando, FL)
Vogt Power (Louisville, KY)
Vtronix LLC (Weston, FL)
Warehouse Associates (Indianapolis, IN)
Wearwell, Inc. (Smyrna, TN)
West Coast Trading & Imports, INC. (San Francisco, CA)
Whistler Group (Bentonville, AR)
Willert Home Products, Inc. (St. Louis, MO)
World Finer Foods, LLC (Bloomfield, NJ)
WorldFinds (Westmont, IL)
Xena International (Saint Charles, IL)
Xpres LLC (Winston-Salem, NC)
Yamaha Corporation of America (Buena Park, CA)
Zenegroup International Inc (El Monte, CA)