

November 30, 2022

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Republican Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Republican Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Republican Leaders McConnell and McCarthy:

As you consider the Congressional agenda for the rest of this year, we urge you to prioritize legislative action on the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program, which lapsed on December 31, 2020. Established by the Trade Act of 1974, with a long history of strong bipartisan support, GSP supports the development of 119 emerging economies by eliminating tariffs and opening the U.S. market to qualifying exports. At the same time, GSP supports American workers and manufacturers by reducing costs of imported inputs and equipment and helps American families stretch their paychecks by lowering the costs of consumer goods imported duty-free.

Since the expiration of GSP in 2020, American companies have paid over \$2 billion in extra taxes while also dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, high freight costs, and supply chain disruptions in both the United States and beneficiary countries. All of these issues have contributed to high and persistent U.S. inflation. At the same time, GSP expiration has hindered American companies' effort to diversify suppliers and build more resilient supply chains.

Congress should pass a long-term retroactive reauthorization, including needed changes such as the "CNL Update Act" (H.R. 6171) provisions. Competitive need limitation (CNL) rules last updated by Congress in 1997 clearly undermine U.S. policy objectives in 2022. GSP cannot meet its development goals – or provide USTR with leverage to incentivize a race-to-the-top – if too many products lose benefits due to arbitrary and outdated caps. CNLs are particularly relevant in the China context, as current rules severely constrain the volume of new trade that can move to GSP countries. Similarly, many potential alternative suppliers to China in GSP countries face higher tariffs today due to CNL decisions from 5, 10, or even 25 years ago. The CNL changes have broad support: over 50 bipartisan House Members called for inclusion of H.R. 6171 in the China competition package in May.

If Congress cannot pass comprehensive GSP reauthorization this year, at a minimum it should pass H.R. 8906, which would refund GSP tariffs paid between January 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022. The Senate passed legislation with full refunds of GSP tariffs paid in June 2021. The House passed legislation with identical GSP refund language in February 2022. Yet, importers continue to pay tariffs. Including H.R. 8906 in year-end legislation would help mitigate the damage of continued GSP expiration until Congress is able to pass a long-term retroactive reauthorization of the program.

GSP has a nearly 50-year history of bipartisan support in Congress due to its track record of creating jobs in developing countries and the United States. After two years of inaction, the 117th Congress must renew GSP or find other ways to relieve American companies that have paid billions of dollars in extra taxes. We look forward to working with you to pass critical GSP legislation.

Sincerely,

Agriculture Transportation Coalition  
American Apparel & Footwear Association  
Association of Floral Importers of Florida  
Association of Food Industries  
California Chamber of Commerce  
Coalition for GSP  
Coalition of New England Companies for Trade - CONECT  
Consumer Technology Association  
Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of Northern California  
Distilled Spirits Council of the United States  
International Bottled Water Association  
International Wood Products Association  
Los Angeles Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association  
National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD)  
National Fisheries Institute  
National Retail Federation  
Outdoor Industry Association  
Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders  
Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)  
Salt Lake Chamber  
Society of American Florists  
Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA)  
The Oriental Rug Importers Association  
Travel Goods Association  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
U.S. Fashion Industry Association  
World Trade Center Utah

3V Sigma USA Inc. (Georgetown, South Carolina)  
A & J Distributors, Inc. (Itasca, Illinois)  
A Simpler Time Inc. (Morrisville, North Carolina)  
AAW Products Inc. (Miami, Florida)  
Aberdeen Road Company dba Herculite Products (Emigsville, Pennsylvania)  
Adrienne Designs (Fountain Valley, California)  
Agron, Inc. (Los Angeles, California)  
AHF Products (Mountville, Pennsylvania)  
Aid Through Trade, Inc. (Annapolis, Maryland)  
Albaugh, LLC (Ankeny, Iowa)  
All Seasons Jewelry LLC (Honolulu, Hawaii)  
Altray Company Inc. (Stamford, Connecticut)  
Alum Tech Corp (West Melbourne, Florida)  
America's Best Agents, Inc. d/b/a Green World Industries (Austin, Texas)  
American Omni Trading (Katy, Texas)  
American Trade Sales, Inc. (New York, New York)  
American Traveler (Rancho Cucamonga, California)  
Ammex (Kent, Washington)

Andre Prost, Inc. (Old Saybrook, Connecticut)  
Arizona Tile (Tempe, Arizona)  
Atlapac Trading Co. Inc (Santa Fe Springs, California)  
Automotive Leather Group LLC (Great Neck, New York)  
Axis Chemical (Long Beach, California)  
B&C Technologies (Panama City Beach, Florida)  
Babco Foods International LLC (Piscataway, New Jersey)  
Bag Arts (Shrewsbury, New Jersey)  
Bakner Manufacturing (Canton, Georgia)  
Balajee Trade Link LLC (Taylor, Pennsylvania)  
BFB Enterprises, Inc. (Panama City, Florida)  
Black Diamond Equipment Ltd. (Salt Lake City, Utah)  
Blain Supply, Inc. (Janesville, Wisconsin)  
BlueTriton Brands (Stamford, Connecticut)  
BMF BROS. (New York, New York)  
Bow and Arrow Marketing, Inc. (Eden Prairie, Minnesota)  
Bozel North America LLC (Temperance, Michigan)  
Braskem America, Inc. (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)  
Brenntag North America (Reading, Pennsylvania)  
Brockway-Smith Company (Wilmington, Massachusetts)  
BTR International, Inc. (Palm Beach, Florida)  
Bueno of California, Inc. (Fullerton, California)  
CACO, Inc (Johnson City, Tennessee)  
Carbe LLC (Sunrise, Florida)  
Carry Gear Solutions, LLC (Seattle, Washington)  
Carter's, Inc (Atlanta, Georgia)  
Centric Brands (New York, New York)  
CHO America (Houston, Texas)  
Cintek System Inc. (Cerritos, California)  
CME Wire and Cable (Suwanee, Georgia)  
Con Tech International (New Orleans, Louisiana)  
Concannon Lumber Company (Portland, Oregon)  
Continental Flowers (Doral, Florida)  
Cortina Leathers (Conneaut, Ohio)  
Cosmos Granite & Marble (Raleigh, North Carolina)  
Crayola (Easton, Pennsylvania)  
Crescent Hardwoods Suppl (Harahan, Louisiana)  
Crown Gold Inc (Los Angeles, California)  
Custom Direct, Inc. (Plano, Texas)  
Decotone Surfaces (Garwood, New Jersey)  
DELSEY Paris (Hanover, Maryland)  
Designed Interiors LLC DBA Lily Koo, LLC (Jamestown, North Carolina)  
Dezine News Inc (Dallas, Texas)  
Dyreich (Paterson, New Jersey)  
dZi Handmade (Easthampton, Massachusetts)  
East West Marketing, Inc. (Honolulu, Hawaii)  
Eberlestock USA LLC (Boise, Idaho)  
Engineered Components company (Elgin, Illinois)  
Equiflor LLC (Doral, Florida)

Esprit Miami (Miami, Florida)  
Eucatex North America (Alpharetta, Georgia)  
Evaton Inc (Stamford, Connecticut)  
Everlast Sports Manufacturing (New York, New York)  
Faci USA Industrial, Inc. (Lufkin, Texas)  
Fahy Leather (Pacific Palisades, California)  
Falcon Farms, Inc (Doral, Florida)  
Famous Gold Inc (Houston, Texas)  
Fantasia Accessories (New York, New York)  
Fast-Pak Trading Inc. (Secaucus, NJ) (Secaucus, New Jersey)  
FAZ Marketing LLC (Austin, Texas)  
Fitec International (Memphis, Tennessee)  
Foamtec International, LLC (Waco, Texas)  
Fresca Farms LC (Miami, Florida)  
Fusion Gourmet, Inc. (Rancho Dominguez, California)  
Galleria Farms LLC (Miami, Florida)  
Gap Inc. (San Francisco, California)  
Gems Group (Miami, Florida)  
General Carbon Corp (Paterson, New Jersey)  
Gharda Chemicals International Inc (Newtown, Pennsylvania)  
Golden Beach Inc. (Torrance, California)  
Green Boy Group (Redondo Beach, California)  
Hallmark Cards, Inc. (Kansas City, Missouri)  
Hardware Renaissance (Santa Fe, New Mexico)  
Hiblow USA, Inc. (Saline, Michigan)  
Higher Ground Gear (Saline, Michigan)  
HOBO Bags (Annapolis, Maryland)  
Holex USA Inc. (Doral, Florida)  
Holland Southwest International (Houston, Texas)  
Hunter Chemical (Fort Washington, Pennsylvania)  
Hyline International (Valencia, California)  
IGM Surfaces (Raleigh, North Carolina)  
In3redients (Chicago, Illinois)  
India Arts, LLC (Hayward, California)  
Indonesian Imports, Inc; DBA The Sak (Glen Rock, New Jersey)  
Inplac NA (Charlotte, North Carolina)  
International Durus (Northridge, California)  
International Frozen Food Corporation (Setauket, New York)  
International Import Corp (New York, New York)  
iTi Tropicals Inc. (Lawrenceville, New Jersey)  
J & B Importers, Inc. (Miami, Florida)  
Jamtown, LLC (Lynnwood, Washington)  
Jane Diaz/New York, Inc. (New York, New York)  
JBH Intertrade (Garden City, New York)  
JC Penney (Lewisville, Texas)  
Jelly Belly Candy Company (Fairfield, California)  
Jet Fresh Flower Distributors Inc. (Miami, Florida)  
JSA Jewelry INC. (Waxhaw, North Carolina)  
K.G. International, Inc. (Doral, Florida)

Kamali Leather International Inc (Manhasset, New York)  
Kaplan Solutions, Inc. (El Dorado Hills, California)  
KEEPCOOL USA LLC (Orinda, California)  
Kirkland Associates, Ltd. (McMinnville, Oregon)  
Kishek International, Inc. (Costa Mesa, California)  
KOUBOO LLC (Laguna Beach, California)  
L.L.Bean, Inc. (Freeport, Maine)  
La Gold Plaza Inc (Beverly Hills, California)  
Lakland Guitars, LLC (Chicago, Illinois)  
Lamex Agrifoods Inc (Miami, Florida)  
Lay-n-Go (Alexandria, Virginia)  
LBB Specialties (South Norwalk, Connecticut)  
Lentrade Inc dba Chantal Cookware Corp (Houston, Texas)  
Linbro Inc. (San Rafael, California)  
LongLat Inc. (Clifton, New Jersey)  
LooptyHoops (Lansdale, Pennsylvania)  
Love Reusable Bags, Inc. (Costa Mesa, California)  
Luggage Shop of Lubbock (Lubbock, Texas)  
Malga USA LLC (New Hartford, New York)  
Malouf Companies (Nibley, Utah)  
Maria Flowers International Inc. (Miami, Florida)  
Massanois, LLC (New York, New York)  
Matr Boomie (Austin, Texas)  
MC Imports, LLC (Medina, Minnesota)  
McKlein Company, L.L.C. (Broadview, Illinois)  
Metal Marketplace International (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)  
Metropolitan Hardwood Flooring (Kent, Oregon)  
Miaflora farms, LLC (Miami, Florida)  
Mike's Organic Foods (Boise, Idaho)  
Moet Hennessy USA (New York, New York)  
Montana Fly Company, LLC (Columbia Falls, Montana)  
MS International (Orange, California)  
Musician's Mall (Berkeley, California)  
NAECO, LLC (Peachtree City, Georgia)  
National Floral Supply, LLC (Orange, Connecticut)  
Natural Flowers, Inc. (Miami, Florida)  
NEMO Equipment, Inc. (Dover, New Hampshire)  
Niagara Bottling, LLC (Ontario, California)  
Nina Designs (Emeryville, California)  
Noble House Group Inc (Miramar Beach, Florida)  
Noonday Collection (Austin, Texas)  
North American Plastics (Irving, Texas)  
Nova Gas Technologies, Inc. (North Charleston, South Carolina)  
Novita (Monrovia, California)  
Nutri-Bon Distribution (Torrance, California)  
NWH (Elkhart, Indiana)  
Oceanic Linkways Inc (North Brunswick, New Jersey)  
Oppenheimer Chocolate USA (Hillside, New Jersey)  
Pacific Highway Wines (Greensboro, North Carolina)

Palm Bay International (Port Washington, New York)  
Panasonic Corporation of North America (Newark, New Jersey)  
Perfetti van Melle - USA (Erlanger, Kentucky)  
Pirate Pete's Soda Pop Co (Northfield, New Jersey)  
PolySource, LLC (Independence, Missouri)  
Powertex, Inc. (Rouses Point, New York)  
Primetac (Little Ferry, New Jersey)  
Prochimie International, Inc. (Windsor, Connecticut)  
Quintessential, LLC. (Napa, California)  
Red V Foods Corp. (Buford, Georgia)  
Reel-Logix solutions (Houston, Texas)  
Ricardo Beverly Hills (Kent, Washington)  
Rockford Corporation (Tempe, Arizona)  
Rosaprima International LLC (Miami, Florida)  
Royal Chain Group (New York, New York)  
Salonika Imports (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)  
Samick Music Corp. (Gallatin, Tennessee)  
Samsonite (Mansfield, Massachusetts)  
Sandler Trade LLC (Washington, District of Columbia)  
SIGMA Corporation (Cream Ridge, New Jersey)  
Sintex Minerals and Services, Inc. (Rosenberg, Texas)  
Skurnik Wines (New York, New York)  
Snavelly Forest Products, Inc. (Westminster, Maryland)  
Sophia Foods Inc. (Brooklyn, New York)  
Source Direct Inc (Cinnaminson, New Jersey)  
Soyventis North America LLC (Fairfield, New Jersey)  
Spanish Food Solutions llc. (Great Neck, New York)  
Stellar Bouquet (Miami, Florida)  
Stellar Farms (Miami, Florida)  
Stoeger Industries Inc. (Accokeek, Maryland)  
Stone Gallery LLC (Tampa, Florida)  
Strategic Sales Partners, LLC (Fort Mill, South Carolina)  
Sugarpod Naturals (Hillsboro, Oregon)  
Sumatra Inc. (Burbank, California)  
Sumitomo Electric Wintec America, Inc. (Edmonton, Kentucky)  
Summit Specialty International (Atlanta, Georgia)  
Sunrise Commodities (Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey)  
Sunshine Bouquet (Miami, Florida)  
Talus Corp. (Portland, Maine)  
Tapestry (New York, New York)  
Taraca Pacific, Inc. (San Francisco, California)  
Target Corporation (Minneapolis, Minnesota)  
TCI Cheese Company, LLC (Palm Beach, Florida)  
Terra Flowers LLC / DBA Sole Farms (Miami, Florida)  
Tesoros Trading Company (Las Vegas, Nevada)  
The Argentine Cheese Co., Inc. (Palm Beach, Florida)  
The Cannon Group Inc. (Westerville, Ohio)  
The Childrens Place (Secaucus, New Jersey)  
The Home Depot (Atlanta, Georgia)

The Wine Check (Sonoma, California)  
Thompson Traders, Inc. (Greensboro, North Carolina)  
Tomoe USA Inc (Kingwood, Texas)  
Torter Corporation (Montville, New Jersey)  
Touchstone Crystal (Cranston, Rhode Island)  
TR International Trading Company Inc. (Edmonds, Washington)  
Triad Magnetics (Perris, California)  
Trimaco, Inc. (Morrisville, North Carolina)  
Trinidad/Benham Corp. (Denver, Colorado)  
U.S. Electrofused Minerals, Inc. (Aliquippa, Pennsylvania)  
United Cellars (Medley, Florida)  
United States Luggage Co LLC (Hauppauge, New York)  
Universal Alloys Inc. (Pembroke Pines, Florida)  
Universal Wood Moulding Inc. (Santa Clarita, California)  
Vail International Corporation (New York, New York)  
Valgroup USA (Findlay, Ohio)  
Van Horn, Metz & Co., Inc. (Conshohocken, Pennsylvania)  
Vera Bradley Inc (Roanoke, Indiana)  
VF Corporation (Denver, Colorado)  
VINAMERICAS (Miami, Florida)  
Vino del Sol (Fort Worth, Texas)  
Vipal Rubber Corporation (Miami, Florida)  
Vogt Power, International, Inc. (Louisville, Kentucky)  
Vortex Optics (Barneveld, Wisconsin)  
Vtronix LLC (Weston, Florida)  
Walsh & Associates, Inc. (Saint Louis, Missouri)  
Warehouse Associates (Indianapolis, Indiana)  
Wearwell, Inc. (Smyrna, Tennessee)  
West Coast Trading & Imports, Inc. (Hayward, California)  
Westport Corporation (Pine Brook, New Jersey)  
Willert Home Products, Inc. (St. Louis, Missouri)  
woom bikes USA (Austin, Texas)  
WorldFinds (Westmont, Illinois)  
Xpres LLC (Winston-Salem, North Carolina)  
Yamaha Corporation of America (Buena Park, California)  
YETI Coolers (Austin, Texas)  
YGI Group (New York, New York)  
Zebra Pen Corp. (Edison, New Jersey)