

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 2, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President,

We write on behalf of American sugarbeet and sugarcane farmers and workers in response to Mexico's unfair trade practices regarding sugar. We urge you to continue your strong efforts to utilize the United States' antidumping and countervailing laws in response to the serious injury Mexico caused to U.S. sugar producers.

The U.S. sugar industry generates 142,000 good-paying American jobs in 22 states. Though our sugar producers are among the most efficient in the world, these American jobs were threatened, and some lost, by Mexican subsidization and dumping on the U.S. sugar market. The industry lost \$2 billion in 2013 and 2014, at the height of Mexican dumping. As a result, in 2014, the entire industry turned to U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty laws to stop dumped and subsidized Mexican sugar from further injuring American producers.


The U.S. International Trade Commission voted unanimously that the American sugar industry was being injured by dumped and subsidized Mexican sugar. The U.S. Department of Commerce found the Mexican dumping and subsidization was so severe that a combined tariff of more than 80 percent would be needed to offset Mexico's unfair trade practices.

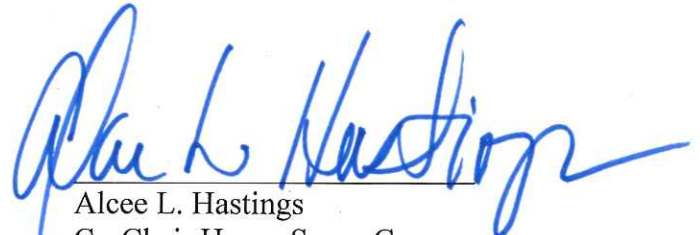
In good faith, the American sugar industry supported the Department of Commerce's effort to negotiate agreements that suspended application of these antidumping and countervailing duties in return for promises from the Mexican government and Mexican sugar industry that they would stop injuring the American sugar industry. These Suspension Agreements went into effect in December of 2014.

After two years of operation, however, the Suspension Agreements have not stopped the injury caused by dumped and subsidized Mexican sugar. To the contrary: 1) the American sugar industry has lost an additional \$2 billion dollars in revenues since the agreements went into effect, and sugar production in Hawaii has been completely shut down; 2) U.S. refined sugar prices collapsed because of continued dumping by Mexico; and 3), despite Mexican promises under the Suspension Agreements, American cane sugar refiners have not been able to source adequate supplies of raw sugar from Mexico. The U.S. Department of Commerce's efforts to renegotiate the Suspension Agreements in 2016 failed, because the Government of Mexico would not agree to the terms needed to stop Mexican dumped and subsidized sugar from continuing to injure the American sugar industry.

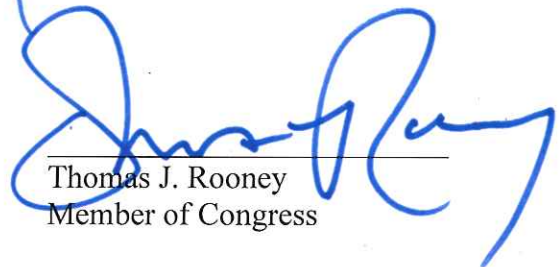
We greatly appreciate that Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross has moved quickly to re-engage the Mexican government and to solve this problem under the antidumping and countervailing duty laws. We urge your continued support of Secretary Ross' efforts on behalf of the American sugar industry and of strong enforcement of our unfair trade laws.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Simpson  
Co-Chair House Sugar Caucus

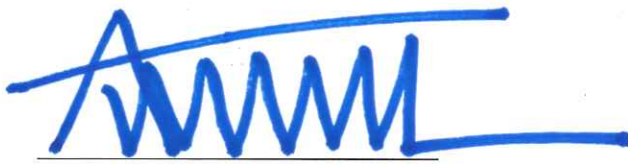
  
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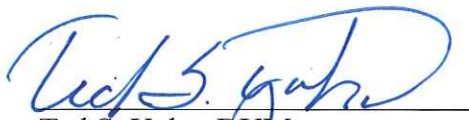
  
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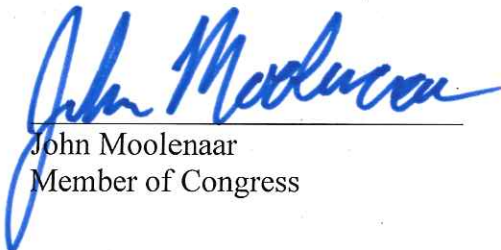
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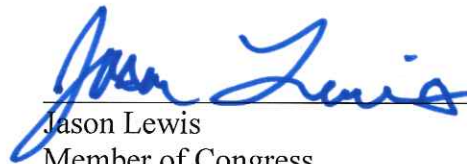
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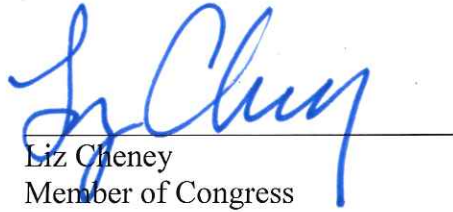
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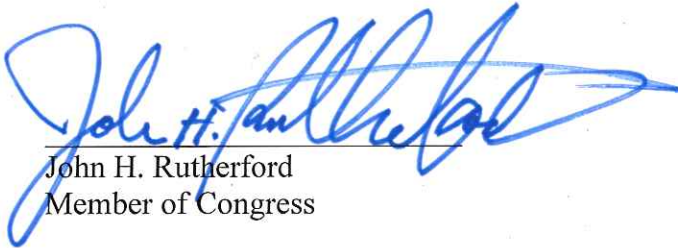
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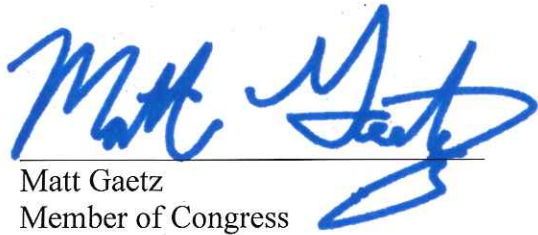
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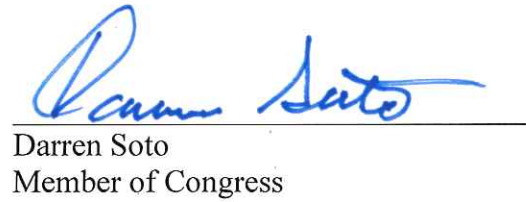


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