

December 1, 2020

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

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the 284 undersigned companies and trade associations, we are writing to urge immediate passage of legislation extending the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program before it expires on December 31, 2020.

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.

The continuing economic impact of COVID-19 makes timely GSP renewal even more important. Many U.S. companies continue to experience severe harm from the pandemic and the related economic downturn. For GSP users, COVID-19 has created a range of challenges, including supplier shutdowns, shipping delays and increased freight costs, mandatory local closures, and reduced U.S. and global demand for products. GSP tariff savings have helped many American companies mitigate these challenges, but millions of dollars a day in new taxes starting in January 2021 would make a difficult situation even worse.

We understand that some stakeholders may wish to make changes to the GSP program as part of a renewal bill. Based on over 40 years of experience using GSP, many American companies are eager to participate in conversations on how to improve the program as well. However, substantive changes to GSP cannot receive the careful consideration they deserve in the four weeks before the current authorization lapses. The 116th Congress should extend GSP immediately, removing the threat of new tariffs in 2021, and allow the 117th Congress to initiate discussions on potential changes to GSP.

The GSP program enjoys strong bipartisan support in Congress and a track record of creating American jobs. Extending GSP's authorization is a simple step that Congress can take now to help U.S. businesses grow and thrive again.

Sincerely,

Agriculture Transportation Coalition (AgTC)
American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Association of Exporters and Importers
American Chemistry Council
American Frozen Food Institute
American Spice Trade Association
Association of Floral Importers of Florida
Association of Food Industries
California Chamber of Commerce
Coalition for GSP
Columbia River Customs Brokers and Forwarders
Association
CONNECT - Coalition of New England Companies
for Trade
Consumer Technology Association
Customs Brokers & International Freight
Forwarders Association of Washington State
Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of
Northern California
Express Association of America (EAA)
Fair Trade Federation
Flavor & Extract Manufacturers Association
International Bottled Water Association (IBWA)
International Wood Products Association
Los Angeles Customs Brokers and Freight
Forwarders Association
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Confectioners Association
National Fisheries Institute
National Retail Federation
Outdoor Industry Association
Pacific Coast Council
PeopleForBikes Coalition
Promotional Products Association
International (PPAI)
Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)
San Diego Customs Brokers Association
Sports & Fitness Industry Association
The Fashion Jewelry and Accessories Trade
Association
The Vision Council
Travel Goods Association
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)
Aberdeen Road Co dba Herculite (Emigsville, PA)
Acacia Creations (York, PA)
Acme Food Sales, Inc (Seattle, WA)
Aditya Birla Chemicals USA (Florence, KY)
Adrienne Designs (Fountain Valley, CA)
Advanced Marketing International, Inc.
(Wilmington, NC)
Advanced Spice & Trading, Inc. (Dallas, TX)
Advanced Tactical Imports (Huntsville, AL)
Aid Through Trade, Inc. (Annapolis, MD)
Albaugh, LLC (Ankeny, IA)
Altray Company, Inc. (Stamford, CT)
Alum Tech Corp. (West Melbourne, FL)
American Omni Trading (Katy, TX)
American Trade Sales, Inc. (New York, NY)
Ammex (Kent, WA)
Andre Prost, Inc. (Old Saybrook, CT)
Ark 54, LLC, DBA The Wine Check (Sonoma, CA)
ascena Retail Group, Inc. (New York, NY)
Axis Chemical (Long Beach, CA)
B&C Technologies LLC (Panama City Beach, FL)
Babco Foods International (Bridgewater, NJ)
Bakner Manufacturing (Canton, GA)
BASF Corporation (Florham Park, NJ)
Bashian (Ridgefield, NJ)
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)
Capitol Food Co (Santa Fe Springs, CA)
Carmichael International Service (Los
Angeles, CA)
Carry Gear Solutions, LLC (Seattle, WA)
Chantal Corp (Houston, TX)
CHO America (Houston, TX)
CME Wire and Cable Inc. (Suwanee, GA)
Coastal Bronze (Westlake Village, CA)

COMEQ (Baltimore, MD)
 Complete Framer's Supply, Inc. (Fort Lauderdale, FL)
 Con-Tech International (New Orleans, LA)
 Couplamatic Systems Inc (Scottsbluff, NE)
 Cummins Inc. (Indianapolis, IN)
 Custom Direct, Inc. (Plano, TX)
 CZ-USA (Kansas City, KS)
 Dayka and Hackett, LLC. (Reedley, CA)
 Decotone Surfaces LLC (Garwood, NJ)
 Deepa Gurnani LLC (New York, NY)
 Desert Valley Date, LLC (Coachella, CA)
 dZi Handmade (Easthampton, MA)
 E&H Collections (New York, NY)
 Elite Spice, Inc. (Jessup, MD)
 Engineered Components Company (Elgin, IL)
 Eucatex North America (Alpharetta, GA)
 Faci USA Industrial, Inc. (Lufkin, TX)
 Fahy Leather (Pacific Palisades, CA)
 Far East American, Inc (Los Angeles, CA)
 Fast-Pak Trading Inc. (Secaucus, NJ)
 FAZ Marketing LLC (Austin, TX)
 Felman Trading Americas, Inc. (Miami, FL)
 Fitec International (Memphis, TN)
 Frontier Co-op (Norway, IA)
 Fusion Gourmet, Inc. (Rancho Dominguez, CA)
 Fuzion Creations (Brooklyn, NY)
 Galaxy Sports, Inc. (South Bend, IN)
 Gallagher Tire, Inc. (Spring City, PA)
 Gel Spice Co. (Bayonne, NJ)
 General Carbon Corporation (Paterson, NJ)
 Gharda Chemicals International Inc (Newtown, PA)
 GJ Chemical (Newark, NJ)
 Global Digital Instruments LLC (Fairport, NY)
 Global Magnus Trade Inc (Dallas, TX)
 Global Product Solutions (Canton, CT)
 Global Values Inc. (Palatine, IL)
 Go Travel (Gretna, LA)
 Golden Beach Inc (Torrance, CA)
 Golden Country Oriental Food LLC (Chicago, IL)
 GreaterGood (Seattle, WA)
 Green Boy Group (Redondo Beach, CA)
 Grizzly Industrial, Inc. (Bellingham, WA)
 Gulf Chemical Intl Corp (Houston, TX)
 Halsted Corporation (Cranbury, NJ)
 Hardware Renaissance (Santa Fe, NM)
 Harris Spice Co. (Anaheim, CA)
 Henry W. Peabody & Co., Inc. (Lynnfield, MA)
 Hiblow USA, Inc. (Saline, MI)
 HRS Global LLC (Jeffersonville, IN)
 HSV Automotive Inc. (Spring, TX)
 Hunter Chemical (Fort Washington, PA)
 Hyline International (Valencia, CA)
 Illes Foods (Carrollton, TX)
 India Arts, LLC (Hayward, CA)
 Indo American Inc. (Kearny, NJ)
 Inplac NA (Charlotte, NC)
 International Durus (Northridge, CA)
 iTi Tropicals Inc. (Lawrenceville, NJ)
 Jamtown, LLC (Edmonds, WA)
 Jane Diaz/New York, Inc. (New York, NY)
 JBH Intertrade (Garden City, NY)
 JCPenney (Plano, TX)
 Jelly Belly Candy Company (Fairfield, CA)
 JK Findings (Rochester, NY)
 Jubilant Industries Inc. (Yardley, PA)
 K.G. International, Inc. (Doral, FL)
 Kamali Group Inc. (Great Neck, NY)
 Karran USA (Vincennes, IN)
 Kawasho Foods USA Inc. (New York, NY)
 Keystone Safety & Cleanroom Products (Pennsauken, NJ)
 Kheops International Inc. (Colebrook, NH)
 Kirkland Associates, Ltd. (McMinnville, OR)
 Kishek International, Inc. (Costa Mesa, CA)
 KOUBOO LLC (Laguna Beach, CA)
 Lakland Guitars, LLC (Chicago, IL)
 Lamex Agrifoods Inc (Miami, FL)
 Latitude Ltd (Huntington, NY)
 Lawrence & Company, Inc. (New Bedford, MA)
 Leather Resource of America, Inc., dba Cortina Leathers (Conneaut, OH)
 Legend Valve & Fittings (Auburn Hills, MI)
 Linbro Inc. (San Rafael, CA)
 Lipper international Inc (Wallingford, CT)
 Malga USA LLC (New Hartford, NY)
 Mario Camacho Foods (Plant City, FL)
 Mars, Incorporated (McLean, VA)
 Matr Boomie (Austin, TX)
 Mayesh Wholesale Florist (Palmetto Bay, FL)
 MC Imports, LLC (Medina, MN)

McKlein Company LLC (Chicago, IL)
Metal Exchange Corporation (St. Louis, MO)
Metalco Corp. (New York, NY)
Metropolitan Hardwood Floors (Kent, WA)
Meyer Corporation, U.S. (Vallejo, CA)
MIDI, Inc. (Newark, DE)
Montana Fly Company, LLC (Columbia Falls, MT)
Monte Cristo Co. (Southfield, MI)
MS International (Orange, CA)
Mutual Wheel Company (Moline, IL)
NAECO, LLC (Peachtree City, GA)
Neuchem Inc. (Reno, NV)
New York Accessory Group, Inc (New York, NY)
Niagara Bottling, LLC (Diamond Bar, CA)
Noble House Group LLC (Miramar Beach, FL)
Noonday Collection (Austin, TX)
North American Plastics (Irving, TX)
Northwest Hardwoods Inc. (Tacoma, WA)
Nourison Industries (Saddle Brook, NJ)
Nova Gas Technologies, Inc. (North Charleston, SC)
Novita (Monrovia, CA)
Nutri-Bon Distribution (Torrance, CA)
Oxan Inc (Buffalo Grove, IL)
Pacific Polymer Group (Loomis, CA)
Panamerican Farms, Inc (Camarillo, CA)
Panasonic Corporation of North America (Newark, NJ)
Pegasus Imports (Windsor, CA)
Perfetti van Melle (Erlanger, KY)
Performance Radiator (Seattle, WA)
Pieces of Bali (Austin, TX)
Pioneer Square Brands (Seattle, WA)
Pirate Pete's Soda Pop Co (Northfield, NJ)
Polinas Plastics of America (Englewood Cliffs, NJ)
PolySource, LLC (Independence, MO)
Powertex, Inc. (Rouses Point, NY)
Primetac (Little Ferry, NJ)
Privi Organics USA Corp. (Edison, NJ)
Prochimie International, Inc. (Windsor, CT)
Quality Marble & Granite (Ontario, CA)
R.P. Associates, LLC. (Jefferson, LA)
Randa Accessories (Rosemont, IL)
Red V Foods Corp (Buford, GA)
Relics, Inc (Asheville, NC)
Ricardo Beverly Hills (Kent, WA)
Riega Foods, LLC (Kansas City, MO)
Ritika's Global Grains, LLC (Lexington, MA)
Rockford Corporation (Tempe, AZ)
Royal Chain Inc. (New York, NY)
S.N.K. Enterprises, Inc (St. Louis, MO)
Samick Music Corp. (Gallatin, TN)
Samsonite (Mansfield, MA)
Santa Maura Spice & Garlic Co Inc (Los Angeles, CA)
Schreiber Foods International, Inc. (Upper Saddle River, NJ)
SIGMA Corporation (Cream Ridge, NJ)
Sintex Minerals and Services, Inc. (Rosenberg, TX)
Snively International (Westminster, MD)
Sophia Foods, Inc. (Brooklyn, NY)
Spanish Food Solutions (Great Neck, NY)
Specialized Bicycle Components (Morgan Hill, CA)
Starz Body Jewelry (Dallas, TX)
Stoeger Industries Inc. (Accokeek, MD)
Stone Capitol Group, Inc (Colleyville, TX)
Stone Gallery LLC (Tampa, FL)
Strategic Sales Partners, LLC (Fort Mill, SC)
Sumitomo Electric Wintec America, Inc. (Edmonton, KY)
Summit Specialty International (Atlanta, GA)
Sunflex Packagers Inc (Cranford, NJ)
Superior Foods (Watsonville, CA)
SupplyOne Inc. (Newtown Square, PA)
Systema Corp (Aventura, FL)
Tampico Spice Company Inc. (Los Angeles, CA)
Taraca Pacific, Inc. (San Francisco, CA)
TechMet Carbides, Inc. (Hickory, NC)
Ten Thousand Villages (Akron, PA)
Tesoros Trading Company (Las Vegas, NV)
Test Rite Products, Corp (Ontario, CA)
The Cannon Group Inc. (Westerville, OH)
The Coca-Cola Company (Atlanta, GA)
The Home Depot (Atlanta, GA)
The Topps Company (New York, NY)
Thompson Traders, Inc. (Greensboro, NC)
Toko Indo Inc. (North Berwick, ME)
Tomoe USA Inc (Kingwood, TX)
TopFlite Manufacturing (Miami, FL)
Touchstone Crystal (Cranston, RI)
Tradewinds Imports Inc. (Burlington, VT)

Triad Magnetics (Perris, CA)
Trimaco, Inc. (Morrisville, NC)
Trinidad/Benham Corp. (Denver, CO)
TRInternational, Inc. (Seattle, WA)
Tyoga Container Company (Tioga, PA)
U.S. Electrofused Minerals, Inc. (Aliquippa, PA)
Under Armour (Baltimore, MD)
United States Luggage (Hauppauge, NY)
Universal Arquati Moulding (Santa Clarita, CA)
US Asian Global Consulting (Prescott Valley, AZ)
Vail International Corporation (New York, NY)
Vera Bradley Designs (Roanoke, IN)
VIP Marketing, Inc. (Los Angeles, CA)
Vipal Rubber Corporation (Miami, FL)
VLM Foods USA Ltd. (Dover, DE)
Vogt Power, International, Inc. (Louisville, KY)
Vortex Optics (Barneveld, WI)
Vtronix LLC (Weston, FL)
Walmart (Bentonville, AR)
Warehouse Associates (Indianapolis, IN)
Wearwell, Inc. (Smyrna, TN)
West Coast Trading & Imports, Inc.
(Hayward, CA)
Willert Home Products, Inc. (St. Louis, MO)
Wixon, Inc. (Saint Francis, WI)
WorldFinds (Westmont, IL)
Xena International Inc. (St. Charles, IL)
Xpres LLC (Winston-Salem, NC)
Yamaha Corporation of America (Buena Park, CA)
YETI Coolers (Austin, TX)
YGI Group (New York, NY)
Zhong Ya Chemical (USA) Ltd. (Edison, NJ)