

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 30, 2025

Ambassador Jamieson Greer
US Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Greer,

As the Administration moves forward with its planned tariffs, we respectfully request that you exclude unfinished cocoa and chocolate inputs, which cannot be grown in the United States and drive significant food manufacturing jobs in Pennsylvania. **Specifically, we request that the following HTS codes are added to the tariff exclusion annex: cocoa beans (1801), cocoa paste (1803), cocoa butter, fat and oil (1804), and cocoa powder (1805 and 1806.10).**

Cocoa trees are unique in that they only grow within 20 degrees of the equator, making American industries entirely dependent upon imports because they have no other choice and there is no alternative product that works as a substitute. These imported products fuel a thriving domestic chocolate manufacturing industry that employs tens of thousands of Americans across this country, many of them in Pennsylvania.

Cocoa inputs represent one of the largest costs to many of these companies so the additional costs associated with tariffs will put considerable strain on companies small, medium, and large. This strain represents a threat to the domestic manufacturing jobs this Administration is seeking to protect.

Given the unique circumstances surrounding cocoa – the inability to produce it domestically, the sensitivity of industry to cost increases, and the significant domestic manufacturing base it supports – we urge you to protect American and Pennsylvanian workers by excluding these products from tariffs.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very Respectfully,



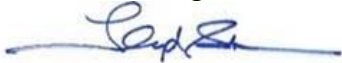
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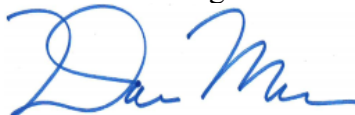
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