

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

June 20, 2025

The Honorable Howard W. Lutnick  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Lutnick:

On behalf of ourselves and our constituents, we would like to thank you for your work and applaud the Trump administration's April 14, 2025, decision to terminate the suspension agreement on fresh tomatoes from Mexico and replace it with an antidumping duty order as required by the U.S. antidumping law. Antidumping duties are essential to stopping foreign countries and their companies from injuring American farmers, companies, and workers with unfair trade practices as we have seen with Mexican tomatoes.

As the Commerce Department stated clearly in its announcement: "The current agreement has failed to protect U.S. tomato growers from unfairly priced tomatoes." The termination of the suspension agreement will allow U.S. tomato growers to compete fairly in the marketplace. As you know, under the current (2019) suspension agreement and each of the four prior agreements in 1996, 2002, 2008, and 2013, imports of fresh tomatoes from Mexico decimated American farmers. The domestic industry's market share fell from about 80 percent in 1994 to about 30 percent today, whereas Mexico's share of our American fresh tomato market rose from about 20 percent to 70 percent in that same period.

In 2019, the Commerce Department earnestly negotiated major changes to the prior suspension agreements in a good faith effort to ensure that Mexican tomato growers and exporters would stop dumping tomatoes in the United States. The resulting 2019 Agreement, like its predecessors, failed because Mexican tomato growers and exporters were able to continue to sell injurious, unfairly priced Mexican tomato in the United States despite the new agreement.

That is why many of us wrote your predecessor in 2023 to support the termination requested by the domestic tomato industry. The American tomato industry secured the legal right to an antidumping duty order on fresh tomatoes from Mexico in

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2019, when, at the domestic industry's request, Commerce and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) continued their final investigations of dumping and injury to completion. The agencies reached affirmative determinations, with Commerce finding Mexican imports were dumped at low prices in the U.S. market and the ITC concluding unanimously that these unfairly traded imports would materially injure the domestic industry absent trade relief. On April 17 of this year, the U.S. Court of International Trade upheld the Commerce Department's dumping determination.

Upon Commerce's completion of this termination agreement on July 14, 2025, Mexican producers will experience the consequences of their failure to comply with U.S. law, the imposition of antidumping duties consistent with U.S. law, the WTO Agreement, and United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). Mexico agreed to abide by these antidumping duty laws, and the United States needs to strongly enforce them to protect its American tomato producers so they can again compete in a fair U.S. market.

Your recent decision to terminate the agreement was long-awaited and welcomed news, and we ask that you maintain the planned timeline its termination July 14, 2025. American producers and growers have been harmed for years, and we cannot delay termination of this agreement any longer.

Sincerely,

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Rick Scott  
United States Senator

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Representative Vern Buchanan  
Member of Congress

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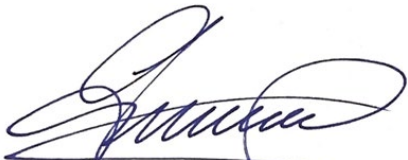
Ashley Moody  
United States Senator

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Representative W. Gregory Steube  
Member of Congress



Representative Byron Donalds  
Member of Congress



Representative Carlos Giménez  
Member of Congress



Representative Mario Díaz-Balart  
Member of Congress



Representative H. Morgan Griffith  
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Representative Mike Haridopolos  
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Representative Randy Fine  
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Representative Scott Franklin  
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Representative Daniel Webster  
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Representative Gus Bilirakis  
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Representative John Rutherford  
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Representative Neal Dunn  
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Representative Chuck Edwards  
Member of Congress

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Representative Kat Cammack  
Member of Congress

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Representative Tim Burchett  
Member of Congress

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Representative Diana Harshbarger  
Member of Congress