



Your message regarding global tariffs

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Mr. Scott Seabolt

Dear Mr. Seabolt,

Thank you for contacting me regarding tariffs. Your thoughts are important.

When used strategically, tariffs are a tool in the toolbox to bring back jobs and support American workers and industries. However, the keyword is 'strategically.' The Trump Administration's implementation of tariffs has been chaotic and created uncertainty, confusion, and

disruption to financial markets. On April 2, 2025, President Trump implemented a 10% tariff on nearly all nations importing goods to the US. He announced "reciprocal" tariffs, to take effect on April 9, on more than 100 trading partners with percentages ranging from the baseline 10% tariff to 145% on goods from China. However, in the afternoon of April 9, the President said he would back down on his reciprocal tariffs for the next 90 days, bringing tariff levels to a universal 10 percent. China was not included in the 90 day pause.

The Trump administration's strategy has upended diplomatic ties, shaken markets and entire industries. The Administration's tariffs target nations that supply a wide variety of goods to the United States, and Americans may see higher prices on cars, electronics, groceries, liquors, lumber and gas.

Changes don't happen overnight, and companies need stability and time to make adjustments. We must bring manufacturing capacity, supply chains, and jobs in critical areas, including steel, autos, and pharmaceuticals back to America, and we need to renegotiate USMCA. This requires a focused strategy, which we are not seeing right now. Tariffs can be a valuable tool to support American manufacturing and competitiveness, but the Trump administration is using them to create confusion and chaos. I appreciate your perspective as Congress continues to work on onshoring supply chains and ensuring these policies strengthen American manufacturing and keep our workforce competitive.

Again, thank you for contacting my office. If you are interested in regular updates on current legislation or issues of the day, you can visit my website at <https://debbiedingell.house.gov> and sign up for my newsletter. You can also find me on Twitter at @RepDebDingell and Facebook. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future on interests of concern.

Sincerely,



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