

January 4, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives Washington,
Washington, DC 20515

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

The Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program expired on December 31, 2017. As a result, American employers must now pay over \$2 million per day in new import taxes, which has an immediate and negative impact on their ability to invest in our companies and workers. The 399 undersigned companies and trade associations are writing to urge you to pass legislation retroactively renewing the GSP program as quickly.

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 nearly \$730 million in import duties in 2016 and even more in 2017. We know how much damage an expired GSP can wreak on U.S. companies and their workers. When GSP expired from August 2013 to July 2015, U.S. companies paid \$1.3 billion in extra taxes while awaiting congressional reauthorization. Taxes and uncertainty forced companies to lay off workers, freeze new hires, cut wages and benefits, and delay capital investments. Only after GSP was renewed could companies start growing and investing again in their workers and communities. American businesses - particularly small businesses - cannot afford for another extended GSP lapse.

The GSP program enjoys strong bipartisan support in Congress. Nearly 400 Representatives and 97 Senators voted in favor of GSP renewal legislation in 2015, and a bipartisan group of 38 House members sent a letter urging renewal in late 2016. A retroactive GSP renewal fits squarely on a Congressional agenda to pass legislation that benefits American families, workers, and companies. The sooner it happens and tariffs paid already are refunded, the sooner we return our focus to making competitive American products, providing consumers with goods at affordable prices, and growing the U.S. economy.

Sincerely,

Associations

American Apparel & Footwear Association	International Wood Products Association
American Association of Exporters and Importers	National Association of Chemical Distributors
American Chemistry Council	National Confectioners Association
Association of Food Industries	National Fisheries Institute
Brazil Industries Coalition	National Foreign Trade Council
California Chamber of Commerce	National Retail Federation
Coalition for GSP	Oriental Rug Importers Association
Coalition of New England Companies for Trade - CONECT	Outdoor Industry Association
Consumer Technology Association	Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Assn.
Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of Northern California	PPAI – Promotional Products Association International
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association	Recreational Vehicle Industry Association
Fashion Jewelry & Accessories Trade Association	Retail Industry Leaders Association
Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America	Sports & Fitness Industry Association
Gemini Shippers Association	Travel Goods Association
International Bottled Water Association	U.S. Chamber of Commerce
	U.S. Fashion Industry Association

Companies

3V Sigma USA (Georgetown, SC)	American Metal Fibers, Inc. (Lake Bluff, IL)
A & J Distributors, Inc. (Itasca, IL)	American Omni Trading (Houston, TX)
A Simpler Time Inc. (Morrisville, NC)	Ammex Corporation (Kent, WA)
A&R Merchants Inc. (Doral, FL)	Andre Prost, Inc. (Old Saybrook, CT)
ABS - American Building Supply, Inc. (Rialto, CA)	Ann Inc. (New York, NY)
Acacia Creations (York, PA)	Ansub, Inc. (Wheaton, IL)
Acme Sponge & Chamois Company Inc. (Tarpon Springs, FL)	Ari's Wholesale LLC (Santa Fe Springs, CA)
adidas America, Inc. (Portland, OR)	Arpas International Ltd. (New York, NY)
Adrienne Designs (Fountain Valley, CA)	Ashley Pittman Collection (Los Angeles, CA)
Advanced Tactical Imports (Huntsville, AL)	Associated Textile Mills, Inc. (Rye Brook, NY)
Aid Through Trade (Annapolis, MD)	Atalanta Corporation (Elizabeth, NJ)
Aladdin Gold Creations Inc. (Northbrook, IL)	Axis Chemical (Claremont, CA)
Albaugh, LLC (Ankeny, IA)	B&C Technologies LLC (Panama City Beach, FL)
Alchemix Corporation (College Park, GA)	Babco Foods International LLC (Piscataway, NJ)
Altray Company, Inc. (Stamford, CT)	Bakner Manufacturing (Canton, GA)
Alum-Tech Corp. (West Melbourne, FL)	Balajee Trade Link, LLC (Taylor, PA)
American eChem, Inc. (Lufkin, TX)	Barganza, Inc. (Roselle, NJ)
American Force Wheels, Inc. (Hialeah, FL)	Beachcombers Coastal Life (North Fort Myers, FL)

Best Deal Imports Inc. (Miami, FL)
 Best Flowers (San Bruno, CA)
 BHR Associates LLC (Ridgefield, NY)
 Bolcof Port Polymers / Calsak Plastics
 (Azusa, CA)
 Bozel North America LLC (Temperance, MI)
 Brilliant Imports LLC (Austin, TX)
 Brockway-Smith Company (Wilmington, MA)
 Brunswick Corporation (Mettawa, IL)
 BTR International, Inc. (New York, NY)
 Burris Company, Inc. (Greeley, CO)
 C.A.S. Iberia Inc. (Sale Creek, TN)
 Camelbak LLC (Petaluma, CA)
 Candy Treasure (Lebanon, NJ)
 Canton Chem, Inc. (Clarksville, MD)
 Carnival USA LLC (North Miami Beach, FL)
 Carroll Companies, Inc. (Boone, NC)
 CH Bus Sales (Faribault, MN)
 Chantal Corp (Houston, TX)
 Charming Shark (Osprey, FL)
 Chemrite, Inc. (Buford, GA)
 CHO America (Baytown, TX)
 Cipriani Harrison Valves Corporation (Rancho
 Santa Margarita, CA)
 Circa of America, LLC (San Francisco, CA)
 Claires Stores (Hoffman Estates, IL)
 CME Wire and Cable Inc. (Suwanee, GA)
 Coastal Bronze (Calabasas, CA)
 COLE-TUVE, Inc. (White Marsh, MD)
 Colony Brands (Monroe, WI)
 COMEQ, Inc. (White Marsh, MD)
 Complete Framer's Supply, Inc. (Fort
 Lauderdale, FL)
 Conneaut Leather (Conneaut, OH)
 Con-Tech International (New Orleans, LA)
 Continental Foods Inc. (Cerritos, CA)
 Cosmos Granite (East), LLC (Raleigh, NC)
 Custom Direct, Inc. (Plano, TX)
 Decotone Surfaces LLC (Garwood, NJ)
 Deepa Gurnani LLC (New York, NY)
 Delta Brands Inc. (Larchmont, NY)
 Deringer-Ney Inc. (Vernon Hills, IL)
 Dole Packaged Foods, LLC (Westlake
 Village, CA)
 Double 7 Products Inc. (Fairfield, CA)
 DuraBrake Co. (Santa Clara, CA)
 Dynasty Gold Jewelers, Inc. (Syosset, NY)
 dZi Handmade (Easthampton, MA)
 East West Marketing, Inc. (Honolulu, HI)
 Eco-Brazil Corp. (New York, NY)
 Electrosteel USA (Birmingham, AL)
 Engineered Components Company (Elgin, IL)
 Eppco Enterprises Inc. (Cleveland, OH)
 Ereztech (Johns Creek, GA)
 Esprit Miami (Doral, FL)
 ESTAS USA Camshaft Industry (Lake
 Forest, CA)
 Eucatex North America (Alpharetta, GA)
 Evco International, Inc. (Manalapan, NJ)
 Excell Services LLC (Raleigh, NC)
 F2 Industries LLC (Smyrna, TN)
 Fab-Line Machinery, LLC (Nashville, TN)
 Fahy Leather (Pacific Palisades, CA)
 Fair and Square Imports (McKinney, TX)
 Fast-Pak Trading Inc. (Secaucus, NJ)
 FAZ Marketing (Austin, TX)
 Felt Bicycles (Rancho Santa Margarita, CA)
 Fitec International Inc (Memphis, TN)
 Foamtec International Co., LLC (Waco, TX)
 Fremada Gold (New York, NY)
 French Transit LLC (Burlingame, CA)
 Fusion Gourmet, Inc. (Rancho Dominguez, CA)
 Galaxy Sourcing, Inc. (Villa Park, IL)
 Galaxy Sports, Inc. (South Bend, IN)
 Gallagher Tire, Inc. (Levittown, PA)
 Ganesh Himel Trading LLC (Spokane, WA)
 Gap Inc. (San Francisco, CA)
 GDLSK LLP (New York, NY)
 General Carbon Corporation (Paterson, NJ)
 General Electric (Boston, MA)
 Georgian American Alloys, Inc. (Miami, FL)
 Gibson Musical Instruments, Inc.
 (Nashville, TN)
 GJ Chemical (Newark, NJ)
 Global Chemcorp, LLC (Charlotte, NC)
 Global Digital Instruments LLC (Fairport, NY)
 Global Fair Trade Crafts Inc. (Edgewater, FL)
 Global Green USA Ltd. (Ramsey, NJ)

Global Links Inc. (Fenton, MO)
 Global Product Solutions, LLC (Canton, CT)
 Global Traders Inc. (Atlanta, GA)
 Global Values Inc. (Palatine, IL)
 Gold Coast Promotions (Las Vegas, NV)
 Golden Country Oriental Food LLC
 (Chicago, IL)
 G-Pac Corporation (Atlanta, GA)
 Graham Chemical Corporation (Barrington, IL)
 Great Giant Foods USA, Inc. (Irvine, CA)
 Great Lakes International Trading, Inc.
 (Traverse City, MI)
 GreaterGood (Seattle, WA)
 Green Boy Group (Redondo Beach, CA)
 Green Chem Industries (West Palm Beach, FL)
 Greenwich Metals, Inc. (Greenwich, CT)
 Grizzly Industrial Inc. (Bellingham, WA)
 H.C. Starck Inc. (Newton, MA)
 Halsted Corporation (Cranbury, NJ)
 Hardware Renaissance (Santa Fe, NM)
 HARIBO of America (Rosemont, IL)
 Henry W. Peabody & Co., Inc. (Lynnfield, MA)
 Herculite Products / Hercon Environmental
 (Emigsville, PA)
 Hiblow USA, Inc. (Saline, MI)
 Himalayan Salt Lamps of Florida Inc.
 (Inverness, FL)
 Hollander Sleep Products (Boca Raton, FL)
 HSV Automotive Inc. (Spring, TX)
 Hunter Chemical (Fort Washington, PA)
 Hyline International (Valencia, CA)
 I. Stern & Co. Inc. (Clark, NJ)
 IMAX Corporation (Tulsa, OK)
 In3redients, Inc. (Chicago, IL)
 Indevco Plastics Inc. (Longview, TX)
 India Arts, LLC (San Francisco, CA)
 Indo American (Kearny, NJ)
 Innovative Insulation, Inc. (Arlington, TX)
 Inplac NA (Charlotte, NC)
 International Dunnage (Thunderbolt, GA)
 International Duru's (Northridge, CA)
 International Frozen Food Corporation
 (Setauket, NY)
 International Imports (New York, NY)
 International Tile & Stone (Orlando, FL)
 iTi Tropicals Inc. (Lawrenceville, NJ)
 JAJ Enterprises, LLC (Coburg, OR)
 Jamtown, LLC (Edmonds, WA)
 Jane Diaz/New York, Inc. (New York, NY)
 JBH Intertrade (Garden City, NY)
 Jelly Belly Candy Company (Fairfield, CA)
 JSA, Inc. (Aventura, FL)
 Jubilant Industries Inc. (Flowery Branch, GA)
 K.G. International, Inc. (Miami, FL)
 K2 Coolers LLC (New Iberia, LA)
 Kamali Group Inc. (Great Neck, NY)
 Kanak Exports India, LLC (Fort Wayne, IN)
 Karran (Vincennes, IN)
 Kawasho Foods USA Inc. (New York, NY)
 Keihin North America, Inc. (Anderson, IN)
 Kervan USA LLC (Whitehall, PA)
 KH International, Inc. (Atlanta, GA)
 Kheops International Inc. (Colebrook, NH)
 Kirkland Associates, Ltd. (McMinnville, OR)
 Kishek International (Costa Mesa, CA)
 Kolon USA Inc. (Ridgefield Park, NJ)
 Kona World (Ferndale, WA)
 KOUBOO LLC (Laguna Beach, CA)
 Labo America inc. (Fremont, CA)
 Lamex Agrifoods Inc (Miami, FL)
 Lamex Foods Inc. (Bloomington, MN)
 Laurand Associates, Inc (Great Neck, NY)
 Lawrence & Company, Inc. (New
 Bedford, MA)
 Lee's Gold Import (Los Angeles, CA)
 Leila's Linens, Inc. (New York, NY)
 LeNoble Lumber Co., Inc. (Long Island
 City, NY)
 Marine Fasteners (Sanford, FL)
 Mario Camacho Foods (Plant City, FL)
 Marta Howell Inc. (Las Vegas, NV)
 Mata Traders (Chicago, IL)
 Matr Boomie (Austin, TX)
 MC Imports, LLC (Medina, MN)
 Megadyne America LLC/Jason Industrial
 (Fairfield, NJ)
 Mendelson & Associates, Inc. (Los
 Angeles, CA)

Merco Tape (Hillburn, NY)
 Metal Exchange Corporation (St. Louis, MO)
 Metal Marketplace International
 (Philadelphia, PA)
 Metalco Corp. (New York, NY)
 MG Golf (Irving, TX)
 Miami Chemical (Miami, FL)
 Midas Chain Inc. (Bergenfield, NJ)
 Mioro Gold LLC (New York, NY)
 Montana Fly Company, LLC (Columbia
 Falls, MT)
 Mother Rhythm Drums (Bemidji, MN)
 MS International (Orange, CA)
 Musician's Mall (Berkeley, CA)
 Mutual Wheel Company (Moline, IL)
 NAECO, LLC (Peachtree City, GA)
 NAPA RAYLOC (Atlanta, GA)
 Neuchem Inc. (Reno, CA)
 New York Accessory Group, Inc. (New
 York, NY)
 Niagara Bottling, LLC (Ontario, CA)
 Nina Designs (Emeryville, CA)
 Noble House Group, Inc (Destin, FL)
 Noonday Collection (Austin, TX)
 Nourison Industries (Saddle Brook, NJ)
 Nova Gas Technologies, Inc. (North
 Charleston, SC)
 Novelis (Atlanta, GA)
 NOVICA (Santa Monica, CA)
 Novita (Monrovia, CA)
 Old River Road (Chico, CA)
 Omicron Granite (Pompano Beach, FL)
 OMNOVA Solutions (Beachwood, OH)
 One World Projects (Batavia, NY)
 Oppenheimer Chocolates U.S.A. Inc.
 (Hillside, NJ)
 Organik Kimya US, Inc. (Burlington, MA)
 Orleans Packing Company (Hyde Park, MA)
 Oro Central, Inc. (Pasadena, CA)
 Oxan Inc. (Wayne, NJ)
 Pacific Shore Stones (Austin, TX)
 Palmer Candy Co. (Sioux City, IA)
 Panasonic Corporation of North America
 (Newark, NJ)
 Paradigm Trends (New York, NY)
 PB Leiner USA (Davenport, IA)
 Peggy V Designs (Petaluma, CA)
 Performance Radiator (Seattle, WA)
 Performance Sports Group (Exeter, NH)
 Pharmasol Corporation (South Easton, MA)
 Pieces of Bali (Austin, TX)
 Pier 1 Imports Inc. (Fort Worth, TX)
 Pier 1 Imports Inc. (Fort Worth, TX)
 Plastic Solutions, Inc. (Newtown, PA)
 Polinas Plastics of America (Englewood
 Cliffs, NJ)
 Polyconcept (New Kensington, PA)
 Polymer One America Corporation (Diamond
 Bar, CA)
 PolySource, LLC (Independence, MO)
 Powertex, Inc. (Rouses Point, NY)
 Precision Metal Services
 (Montgomeryville, PA)
 Precision Replacement Parts (Weston, WI)
 Preferred Brands International (Stamford, CT)
 Primetac (Little Ferry, NJ)
 Privi Organics USA Corp. (Edison, NJ)
 Prochimie International, Inc. (Windsor, CT)
 Quality Gold (Fairfield, OH)
 R.P. Associates (Jefferson, LA)
 RabLabs (San Francisco, CA)
 Raj International Trading (Everett, WA)
 Real Wood Floors (West Plains, MO)
 Red Mountain Trading Co (Denver, CO)
 Reebok International Ltd. (Boston, MA)
 Relics, Inc. (Asheville, NC)
 Ritika's Global Grains, LLC (Lexington, MA)
 Rockford Corporation (Tempe, AZ)
 Royal Chain Group (New York, NY)
 Royal Paper Products LLC (Exton, PA)
 Royal Tropics, LLC (McCall, ID)
 S.N.K. Enterprises, Inc. (St. Louis, MO)
 Sahadi Fine Foods (Brooklyn, NY)
 Salonika Imports (Pittsburgh, PA)
 Samick Music Corp. (Gallatin, TN)
 Sandler Trade LLC (Washington, DC)
 Schreiber Foods International, Inc. (Upper
 Saddle River, NJ)

Scrimco Inc. (Fresno, CA)
 Service Metal (St. Louis, MO)
 Shaheen Import Export Co. (Virginia Beach, VA)
 Shamrock Manufacturing Co. (Chino, CA)
 Shipyard Supply, LLC (Metairie, LA)
 SIGMA Corporation (Cream Ridge, NJ)
 Sintex Minerals and Services, Inc. (Rosenberg, TX)
 SkyRoll (Reston, VA)
 Sophia Foods, Inc. (Brooklyn, NY)
 South Florida Gold (Miami, FL)
 Sovena USA Inc (Rome, NY)
 Spectro Alloys Corporation (Rosemount, MN)
 Standard Fiber LLC (Burlingame, CA)
 StarUSA (Ashland, OH)
 Stewart Floor LLC (Chicago, IL)
 Stoeger Industries Inc. (Accokeek, MD)
 Stone Capitol Group, Inc. (Colleyville, TX)
 Stone Gallery LLC (Tampa, FL)
 Strategic Sales Partners, LLC (Fort Mill, SC)
 Sugarpod Naturals (Hillsboro, OR)
 Sumitomo Electric Wintec America, Inc (Edmonton, KY)
 Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems, Inc. (Bowling Green, KY)
 Summit Specialty International (Alpharetta, GA)
 Sunflex Packagers, Inc. (Cranford, NJ)
 Sunrise Commodities (Englewood Cliffs, NJ)
 Sunrise Mfg Inc. (Rancho Cordova, CA)
 Surya (White, GA)
 Target Corporation (Minneapolis, MN)
 Telomerase Activation Sciences Inc. (New York, NY)
 Ten Strawberry Street (Denver, CO)
 Tenneco Inc. (Lake Forest, IL)
 Test Rite Products, Corp. (Ontario, CA)
 The Cannon Group Inc. (Westerville, OH)
 The Dow Chemical Company (Midland, MI)
 The Home Depot (Atlanta, GA)
 The Madden Corporation (Waipahu, HI)
 The Topps Company (New York, NY)
 The Whistler Group, Inc. (Bentonville, AR)
 Thompson Traders, Inc. (Greensboro, NC)
 Toko Indo Inc. (North Berwick, ME)
 Tomoe USA Inc. (Kingwood, TX)
 TopFlite Manufacturing (Miami, FL)
 Torter Corporation (Montville, NJ)
 Toto USA (morrow, GA)
 Touchstone Crystal (Cranston, RI)
 Tradewinds Imports Inc. (Burlington, VT)
 Transnational Foods (Miami, FL)
 Traxys North America LLC (New York, NY)
 Triad Magnetics (Perris, CA)
 TRI-K Industries Inc. (Denville, NJ)
 Trimaco, LLC (Morrisville, NC)
 Trinidad/Benham Corp. (Denver, CO)
 TRInternational, Inc. (Seattle, WA)
 Triumph Motorcycles America (Atlanta, GA)
 Tumi Holdings, Inc. (South Plainfield, NJ)
 Turk International LLC (Aptos, CA)
 Tyoga Container Company (Tioga, PA)
 U.S. Electrofused Minerals, Inc. (Aliquippa, PA)
 Universal Arquati Moulding (Santa Clarita, CA)
 Universal Stone Source (East Brunswick, NJ)
 US Asian Marketing and Manufacturing Inc. (Prescott Valley, AZ)
 Vail International Corporation (New York, NY)
 Varaluz LLC (Las Vegas, NV)
 Venture Lighting International, Inc. (Twinsburg, OH)
 VF Corporation (Greensboro, NC)
 Village Originals (Orlando, FL)
 Vipal Rubber Corporation (Miami, FL)
 Vispak, LLC (Golden Valley, MN)
 Vogt Power, International, Inc. (Louisville, KY)
 Vortex Optics (Middleton, WI)
 Vtronix LLC (Weston, FL)
 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (Bentonville, AR)
 Warehouse Associates (Indianapolis, IN)
 Wearwell, Inc. (Smyrna, TN)
 Weber Memorials (Saint Cloud, MN)
 WEG Electric Corp. (Duluth, GA)
 West Coast Trading (Hayward, CA)
 Western Plastics, Inc. (Calhoun, GA)
 Wholesale Hose & Supply (Metairie, LA)
 Willert Home Products, Inc. (St. Louis, MO)

World and Main, LLC (Cranbury, NJ)
World Confections, Inc. (South Orange, NJ)
World Finer Foods (Bloomfield, NJ)
WorldFinds (Westmont, IL)
Xena International Inc. (St. Charles, IL)
Xpres LLC (Winston-Salem, NC)
Yamaha Corporation of America (Buena
Park, CA)
YETI Coolers LLC (Austin, TX)
YGI Group (New York, NY)
Yokohama Corporation of North America
(Santa Ana, CA)
Zebra Pen Corp. (Edison, NJ)
Zenegroup International Inc. (Temple City, CA)
Zhong Ya Chemical (USA) Ltd. (Edison, NJ)