



THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Ron Johnson
United States Senate
328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Johnson:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituents regarding restarting the tariff exclusion process and a possible extension of exclusion for previously granted products encompassed in the Section 301 Investigation of China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation.

As you are aware, the majority of exclusions expired on December 31, 2020 during the previous administration. Generally, the only remaining exclusions – extended earlier this year – are for products to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. These exclusions are scheduled to remain in effect until September 30, 2021.

As part of the Biden-Harris Administration's comprehensive approach to confront the China challenge, USTR is reviewing the approach to current tariffs on China, including whether to implement a new process for exclusions or the extension of previously granted exclusions. However, USTR does not currently have an exclusion process to accept new exclusion requests or comments on possible extensions. My staff will keep your office apprised of any developments on this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this or any other issues in the future.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Katherine Tai