

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We, the undersigned members of the bipartisan Italian American Congressional Delegation, write to express our concern regarding the proposed tariffs on pasta products imported from Italy. Reports indicate that new duties could raise total tariffs to more than 100% on certain Italian pasta imports.

Achieving trade that promotes fairness, protects American workers, and restores balance to global commerce is a critically important goal that should be fundamental to U.S. trade policy. Antidumping and countervailing duties can provide relief to U.S. industries and workers harmed by the dumping of artificially cheap goods into the U.S. market. They have received bipartisan support for their use in shielding American workers and manufacturers from unfair trade practices by foreign nations. Such tools are effective when they are applied strategically to address real economic harms and national security risks.

While we fully support efforts to ensure a level playing field for American industries, we are concerned that these duties may cause more harm than good for Americans and America's interests. They could cause further distress by raising costs for consumers and small grocers during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and removing familiar brands from store shelves. Moreover, Italy is one of America's oldest and most steadfast allies. The bonds between our nations run deep through shared values, economic partnership, and the proud Italian American community that has enriched every aspect of American life. Within that community, concern is widespread that tariffs of this scale on a culturally valuable and economically important good that is uniquely Italian could harm a valued ally, disrupt a well-established trade relationship, and raise prices for millions of American consumers who enjoy authentic Italian products.

We respectfully ask that you direct the Department of Commerce and the U.S. Trade Representative to pause implementation of these proposed tariffs and pursue an alternate course of action that can protect American interests while preserving the strong friendship and mutual respect that define U.S.-Italy relations.

As Members of Congress with a strong affiliation to the more than 16-million-member Italian American community, we appreciate your willingness to consider the views of the community

and of this bipartisan delegation. We look forward to working with you on a solution that safeguards American workers, consumers, and our enduring alliance with Italy.

Sincerely,



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