

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Katherine Tai
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
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The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Ambassador Tai and Secretary Vilsack,

We appreciate your continued work to create opportunities for American farmers and ranchers, including through enforcement of existing trade agreements. However, a longstanding issue that continues to hinder the competitiveness of U.S. commodity producers is India's egregious over-subsidization of their farm sector with the most trade-distorting forms of support, leading to artificially low-priced exports that make their way to every continent.

Your recent counter notification at the World Trade Organization (WTO) regarding India's rice and wheat subsidies is a step in the right direction in publicly addressing India's blatant disregard for the commitments they made when they joined the WTO. It was also encouraging to see other affected countries leading this effort alongside the United States. According to the counter notification, India subsidized up to nearly 94 percent of the value of their rice crop and 81 percent of the value of their wheat crop in the 2020/21 crop year, far exceeding the 10 percent de minimis limit they are obliged to adhere to.

Unfortunately, these figures continue to grow year over year and pose a dangerous threat to our domestic industry.

We request that you move to swiftly take action to reverse this trend of non-compliance by India and formally initiate a WTO dispute settlement case.

This is not a new situation. India has disregarded WTO commitments for at least a decade, leading to entrenched policies and an increasingly justified perception that the rules will not be enforced. Meanwhile, these policies have global spillover that degrade market opportunities for farmers in the United States and other countries that comply with the WTO agriculture rules.

We hope you will quickly consider our request and utilize the date and the global momentum available to you to address this growing problem.

Sincerely,



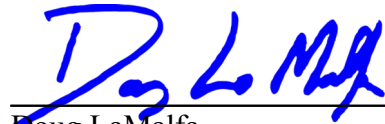
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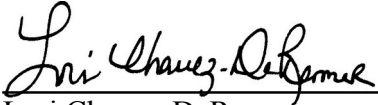
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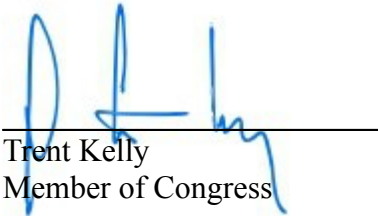
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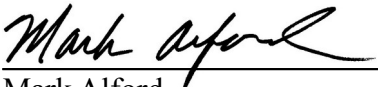
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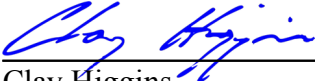
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