

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

We are writing to express our concerns with the recently imposed tariffs on aluminum. While we commend your objectives in ensuring fair trade practices with other countries, we are concerned that this tariff will have the unintended consequence of stifling growth for American businesses that are users of aluminum.

The manufacturers of aluminum food and beverage cans and bottles use recycled aluminum, scrap aluminum, and imported primary aluminum. Primary aluminum used in can sheet is not widely available in the United States. As a result, primary aluminum made into rolled can sheet must be sourced from outside the United States, and American companies that use these products depend on these imports. Once imported, 98 percent is manufactured domestically according to the Canning Manufacturers Institute. Any import restrictions or tariffs on these products will add hundreds of millions in costs for companies in the food and beverage industry while jeopardizing over 82,000 American manufacturing jobs in industries that rely on these products. In addition, we are concerned that any import restriction on these types of aluminum will result in retaliatory action by other countries on American exports, American scrap metal, and American agricultural products.

Specifically, we ask that the following products, along with primary aluminum, be excluded from the imposed tariffs:


- Aluminum can sheet body stock - 7606.12.3045;
- Aluminum can lid stock - 7606.12.3055;
- Other aluminum can sheet - 7606.12.3090;
- Aluminum used beverage container scrap - 7602.00.0030;
- Aluminum waste and scrap other than used beverage container scrap - 7602.00.0090;
- Aluminum slugs: 7616.99 and 7606.91;
- Low purity (non-military) aluminum ingot - 7601.10.6000.

We appreciate your commitment to American security and supporting domestic manufacturing. However, we want to ensure that supporting domestic aluminum production does not place an undue burden on consumers or cause the loss of jobs in the aluminum sectors. We ask that the seven products listed above be excluded from the tariffs. We hope you will keep these views in mind as you formulate your final decisions, and we look forward to working with you on a solution that helps both American aluminum producers and users.

Sincerely,




Patrick McHenry
Member of Congress



Kevin Cramer
Member of Congress



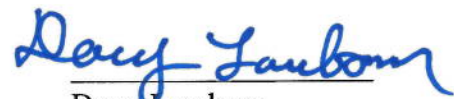
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