

September 25, 2023

**President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500**

**President Ursula von der Leyen
European Commission
Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 200
1049 Brussels
Brussels, Belgium**

Dear Presidents von der Leyen and Biden,

Certainty and stability in the transatlantic trade relationship are of enormous importance to our sectors. Between 2018 and 2021, our industries, suppliers, and supply chains were severely impacted by the imposition of tariffs in disputes wholly unrelated to our sectors, and we applaud the crucial agreements you reached to suspend the retaliatory tariffs in 2021.

These agreements provided important relief for our sectors, supporting economic recovery after the difficult COVID period, and removed barriers to trade that inhibited growth, job creation, and investments in the EU and the U.S.

On behalf of the 85 undersigned associations, we are now writing to express our united and urgent call to build on the 2021 agreements and to permanently remove the retaliatory tariffs on products unrelated to the steel and aluminum and WTO Large Civil Aircraft disputes. It is particularly crucial to reach such an agreement in the steel and aluminium dispute, where sectors unrelated to the dispute risk seeing a return of the EU's tariffs that were in place pre-suspension, along with a second tranche of tariffs as of January 1, 2024.

At a time of increased geopolitical tensions and volatility, the permanent removal of tariffs on unrelated sectors will support efforts to grow the transatlantic economy and enable our sectors to play a full part in addressing global challenges.

Accordingly, we urge you to reach an agreement in the steel and aluminium dispute during the upcoming Presidential Summit to ensure that retaliatory tariffs on sectors unrelated to the dispute are permanently removed before January 1, 2024. We also urge you to secure the permanent removal of retaliatory tariffs on products unrelated to the WTO Large Civil Aircraft dispute without delay, and in any case, before the tariff suspension expires in June 2026.

We stand ready to support your efforts and look forward to continuing to work with you and your teams. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any additional information.

List of signatories:

[American Apparel & Footwear Association](#)

[ACEM - European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers](#)

[American Beverage Licensees](#)

[AFVPGC - American Fruit & Vegetable Processors & Growers Coalition](#)

[American Chemistry Council](#)

[American Craft Spirits Association](#)
[American Cranberry Growers Association](#)
[American Distilled Spirits Alliance](#)
[American Distilling Institute](#)
[American Single Malt Commission](#)
[APPLiA - Home Appliance Europe](#)
[Arizona Craft Distillers Guild](#)
[Associated Equipment Distributors](#)
[Association of Manufacturers and distributors of Semi-Luxury Lighters](#)
[Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association](#)
[California Artisanal Distillers Guild](#)
[CAOBISCO - Chocolate, Biscuits and Confectionery of Europe](#)
[Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association](#)
[CECE - Committee for European Construction Equipment](#)
[CECIMO - European Association of the Machine Tool Industries](#)
[CEEV - Comité Européen des Entreprises Vin](#)
[CEMA - European Agricultural Machinery Industry Association](#)
[COCERAL - European association of trade in cereals, oilseeds, rice, pulses, olive oil, oils and fats, animal feed and agrosupply](#)

[Colorado Distillers Guild](#)
[Connecticut Spirits Trail](#)
[Distilled Spirits Council of the United States](#)
[Distillers Association of North Carolina](#)
[ESA - European Snacks Association](#)
[EUCOLAIT - European Association of Dairy Trade](#)
[EURATEX - The European Apparel and Textile Confederation](#)
[EuroCommerce](#)
[EUROMAT - European Gaming & Amusement Federation](#)
[European Boating Industry](#)
[Farmers for Free Trade](#)
[FEC - Federation of European manufacturers of Cookware and cutlery](#)
[FEVS - Fédération des Exportateurs de Vins & Spiritueux de France](#)
[Florida Craft Spirits Association](#)
[FRUCOM - European Federation of the Trade in Dried Fruit, Edible Nuts, Processed Fruit & Vegetables and Processed Fishery Products](#)
[Idaho Distillers Association](#)
[Illinois Craft Distillers Association](#)
[Independent Restaurant Coalition](#)
[Intergraf - European federation for print and digital communication](#)
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[Kentucky Distillers' Association](#)
[Louisiana Distillers Guild](#)
[Maryland Distillers Guild](#)
[Maryland Wineries Association](#)
[Michigan Craft Distillers Association](#)
[Midwest Food Processors Association](#)
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[National Association of Wine Retailers](#)
[National Confectioners Association](#)
[National Council of Chain Restaurants](#)
[National Marine Manufacturers Association](#)
[National Restaurant Association](#)
[National Retail Federation](#)
[New Hampshire Distillers Guild](#)
[New Jersey Craft Distillers Guild](#)
[New York State Distillers Guild](#)
[North American Shippers Association](#)
[NY Wine Industry Association](#)
[Ohio Distillers Guild](#)
[Oregon Distillers Guild](#)
[Oregon Wine Council](#)
[Pennsylvania Distillers Guild](#)
[PROFEL - European Association of Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries](#)
[South Carolina Distillers Guild](#)
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[Tennessee Distillers Guild](#)
[Texas Distilled Spirits Association](#)
[U.S. Lighter Association](#)
[U.S. Wine Trade Alliance](#)
[United States Bartenders' Guild](#)
United States Motorcycle Manufacturers Association
[USA Rice](#)
[Vinyl Institute](#)
[Virginia Distillers Association](#)
[Washington Wine Institute](#)
[Willamette Valley Wineries Association](#)
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