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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Consumer Technology Association (CTA), I urge you to support Senators Wyden and Paul's joint resolution to block the unjustified and unlawful use of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) to impose tariffs on all imports into the United States.

International trade supports tens of millions of U.S. jobs, and integrated supply chains make American businesses more competitive in technology, energy, agriculture, manufacturing, and services. These tariffs raise costs for Americans, hurt American businesses, disrupt partnerships with global allies, and weaken our national security and global standing.

There is no emergency justifying these tariffs. The U.S. trade deficit is a false pretext for the largest tax hike on American consumers since the Smoot-Hawley tariffs of the Great Depression, even with much higher "reciprocal" tariff rates on pause since April 9. Our trading partners may retaliate against U.S. exports if the reciprocal tariffs return after 90 days. Unprecedented uncertainty around tariff policy stifles investment, orders, innovation, and hiring.

More, the tariffs are increasingly unpopular among Americans. A recent CAPS/Harris poll revealed that 55 percent of respondents do not support them. In a recent Reuters/Ipsos poll, three-quarters of the respondents said they worried a recession was coming. The economic projections on the impact of the tariffs should give us all pause. The non-partisan Tax Foundation estimates the President's tariffs will reduce U.S. GDP by 0.8 percent and after-tax income by an average 1.2 percent—a tax increase of \$1243 per U.S. household in 2025.

Through this vote the Senate can start to reclaim Congress's constitutional authority on tariffs and trade. It is a vote to uphold the rule of law and protect U.S. relationships and standing in our world. We urge you to support this resolution and reaffirm America's commitment to trade policy that advances American prosperity and a peaceful and stable global economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Shapiro', written in a cursive style.

Gary Shapiro  
CEO & Vice Chair  
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