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Memorandum

To: President Donald Trump
From: State Legislators Dealing With the Fallout of Your Illegal Tariff Taxes
Re: Immediate Refunds to American Families, Cessation of Harmful Tariffs
CC: Senate Majority Leader John Thune, House Speaker Mike Johnson

President Trump, the Supreme Court, in striking down your tariffs delivered a definitive ruling: your imposition of these tariffs is illegal, unconstitutional and amounts to an unauthorized tax on the American people. We, state legislators dealing with the fallout of your disastrous and illegal tariff taxes are calling on you to:

Work with Congress immediately to provide a refund to American families for the illegal tariff taxes you imposed on them through higher prices on everything, from clothes and cars to electronics and groceries, and which [cost families at least \\$1,700](#) each last year alone. These refunds should go to the American people, not just the businesses who paid the tariffs and passed on their cost to Americans in the form of higher prices, lost wages, and layoffs.

Immediately abide by the court's ruling and stop collecting these illegal tariff taxes which spiked prices, flatlined job growth over the last year, and slowed our economy.

Cease and desist on any plan or scheme to reimpose the tariffs at issue in the Supreme Court's decision without Congressional approval and stop imposing these taxes that harm our economy, spike prices and slash jobs.

Mr. President, every American knows what you must also believe in your heart of hearts: your tariffs have been a disaster for the American people and our economy. Your illegal tariff taxes have created an unprecedented affordability crisis, spiking prices for groceries, cars, clothes, electronics, and countless other household necessities. Families across our states have been forced to make impossible choices between paying for food, keeping the heat on, and affording clothing for their children. Farmers have lost markets, small businesses have been stretched to the breaking point, manufacturing hasn't returned as you promised, job growth flatlined, layoffs rose, and the economy has slowed to a crawl. The jig is up, sir: your illegal tariffs have been an unmitigated disaster.

For a full year, President Trump, you illegally charged Americans at least \$1,700 in taxes on basic necessities that working families depend on every day. The Supreme Court has now confirmed what we have long known: these tariffs were illegal from the start. You had no authority to impose them, yet you did so anyway, forcing ordinary Americans to foot the bill while you falsely claimed otherwise. Of course, the Republican leadership in Congress was all too eager to go along and allow this illegal tax scheme to usurp their authority and bring harm to their own constituents. Enough is enough.

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Our constituents are living the reality of your failed policy every single day. They are watching their savings evaporate, working multiple jobs and still falling behind. The Supreme Court was clear, definitive, and unambiguous: these tariffs were illegal taxes. You illegally took money from American families, and those families need their money back.

For the sake of our constituents and our country, we urge you to act immediately to abide by the court's ruling, halt any new tariffs or a return to those struck down without the express approval of Congress and provide refunds to every American family harmed by these illegal tariff taxes.

Signed,

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