

DEFEND AMERICA *ACTION*

Dear President Donald Trump:

One year ago, you declared April 2nd “Liberation Day” and imposed a sweeping package of tariffs on much of the world, including our greatest allies, promising your tariffs would bring back American manufacturing, create jobs, and lower prices for working families. Instead, your Liberation Day tariffs have liberated our constituents of their savings, their jobs, and their economic security. This tariff scheme, much of which was found to be illegal by the Supreme Court, has been a spectacular failure, delivering the exact opposite of everything you promised.

Mr. President, the numbers tell a devastating story. Since your Liberation Day announcement last April, the manufacturing sector has lost tens of thousands of jobs, with employment declining every single month through December. American job creation nearly flatlined in 2025, with only 15,000 jobs created on average each month – the weakest year for job growth outside of a recession since 2003. The economy has slowed to a crawl, with GDP growth of just 1.4% in the fourth quarter of 2025. And in February, the country shed nearly 100,000 jobs.

Meanwhile, our constituents have paid the price, with the average household paying over \$1,700 in illegal tariff taxes in 2025. It is the American people, not foreign countries, paying nearly all of your tariffs. And they’ve seen prices spike for food, energy, clothing, vehicles, and household goods, all basic necessities they depend on. Our constituents are choosing between putting food on the table and keeping the lights on, with millions of U.S. households falling behind on skyrocketing utility bills.

You campaigned on ending inflation on day one. Prices are up. You promised to bring back manufacturing jobs. We’ve lost hundreds of thousands of jobs since your announcement. You promised tariffs would make America prosperous. The economy has slowed to its weakest growth in years. And now, the Supreme Court has rightfully struck down many of your tariffs as an illegal tax on working families.

And while the people we serve struggle with your affordability crisis, you’re spending millions on an Air Force One makeover, building a \$400 million gold-plated ballroom, and funneling \$10 billion in taxpayer money to your “Board of Peace” slush fund. You’re focusing on billionaire tax breaks and personal projects while Americans work multiple jobs just to survive.

Mr. President, it’s time to admit these tariffs have failed and take immediate action to help working families:

1. **End the tariffs immediately.** They are killing jobs, raising prices, and devastating the economy.
2. **Refund every penny Americans paid in tariffs.** The Supreme Court ruled your tariffs illegal, and working families need the \$1,700 you took from them refunded immediately.
3. **Prioritize affordability for working families** instead of tax breaks for the ultra-wealthy and luxury spending for you and your administration.

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President Trump, you promised to put working families first. Your Liberation Day tariffs have done the opposite. But it's not too late to change course and finally focus on what Americans actually care about: the cost of living. End these failed tariffs, provide a refund to American families, and start delivering relief.

Signed,

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