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The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Adam Schiff
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: S. 1272 Trade Review Act – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Padilla and Senator Schiff,

I am writing on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors to express our strong support for S.1272 the Trade Review Act. This bipartisan legislation represents a critical step toward restoring Congressional oversight in trade policy decisions, particularly concerning the imposition of tariffs that can significantly impact local economies like ours.

Kern County's economy is intertwined with international trade, encompassing agriculture, energy, and manufacturing sectors. Unilateral tariff actions can disrupt supply chains and increase costs for consumers and businesses. These disruptions threaten local jobs, hinder economic growth, and create uncertainty for industries that rely on stable and predictable trade policies.

The Trade Review Act ensures greater transparency and accountability in U.S. trade policy by requiring the President to notify Congress within 48 hours of imposing or raising tariffs, along with a detailed explanation and impact analysis. It also mandates that new or increased tariffs automatically expire after 60 days unless Congress approves them through a joint resolution. Additionally, the bill empowers Congress to terminate existing tariffs that may not align with the national interest, reinforcing legislative oversight over key economic decisions.

I strongly urge you and your colleagues to support S. 1272 and provide a more stable and predictable trade environment, benefiting Kern County and California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phillip Peters", is written over a horizontal line.

Phillip Peters, Chairman
Kern County Board of Supervisors

cc: Honorable Members, Kern House Delegation
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