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## Dear Senator:

On behalf of the Consumer Technology Association (CTA), which represents more than 1200 U.S. technology companies, I urge you to support three bipartisan joint resolutions to block the unauthorized use of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) to impose tariffs on all imports from 1) Canada (S.J.Res.77)<sup>1</sup>; 2) Brazil (S.J.Res.81)<sup>2</sup>; and 3) all markets into the United States (S.J.Res.88)<sup>3</sup>.

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 consumers, hurt American businesses, disrupt alliances, and weaken our global standing.

There is no trade deficit emergency justifying these tariffs, which now are the largest tax hike on American consumers since the Smoot-Hawley tariffs of the Great Depression, especially since the imposition of the much higher "reciprocal" tariff rates on August 7. Retaliation from Canada, China, and others has already harmed U.S. exporters and further retaliation is likely. Ongoing tariff uncertainty – both the IEEPA tariffs and tariffs under Section 232 – stifles planning, investment, orders, innovation, and hiring.

More, the tariffs are increasingly unpopular among Americans. The Harvard Harris poll released October 6, shows only 40% of Americans support the tariff policy, the lowest support of every choice given. A recent YouGov poll revealed that 55 percent of respondents disapprove of President Trump's handling of tariffs. In a recent the Economist/YouGov poll, 53% of Americans say that the economy is getting worse. 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 1.4 percent—a tax increase of \$1300 per U.S. household in 2025.

By voting for these resolutions, the Senate can reaffirm Congress's constitutional authority on tariffs and trade, lower costs for American families, and protect U.S. workers and businesses. We urge you to support these resolutions and demonstrate America's commitment to trade policy that advances American prosperity and a peaceful and stable global economy.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S.J.Res.77 - 119th Congress (2025-2026): A joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared to impose duties on articles imported from Canada. | Congress.gov | Library of Congress

https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-joint-

resolution/81?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22brazil+emergency%22%7D&s=7&r=1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/88