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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Consumer Technology Association (CTA), I urge you to support Senators Kaine and Paul's resolution to block the unjustified use of emergency powers to impose tariffs on imports from Canada.

Canada has stood with America in every major conflict, from Normandy to Afghanistan. Our economic ties support millions of U.S. jobs, and our integrated supply chains strengthen U.S. competitiveness in technology, energy, and manufacturing. Disrupting this partnership with unjustified tariffs will raise costs for families, hurt businesses, and weaken our shared security.

There is no emergency justifying these tariffs. Less than 1% of seized fentanyl enters from Canada—a false pretext for what amounts to a tax hike on American consumers. Retaliatory tariffs already threaten U.S. exports, from agriculture to tech, while uncertainty stifles investment.

More, most Americans oppose these tariffs on imports from Canada. A Fox News poll conducted on March 17 found that 61 percent of American adults oppose placing tariffs on Canada, while only 38 percent support the measure. Americans know how important trade with Canada is to their livelihoods. Eight million U.S. jobs are tied to trade with Canada and \$2.6 billion in goods and services cross the U.S.-Canada border daily. The non-partisan Tax Foundation alone estimates that the current tariffs on imports Canada alone will result in a loss of 86,000 U.S. jobs.

This is about upholding the rule of law and protecting an alliance that has defined global stability for a century. We urge you to support this resolution and reaffirm that America does not treat its closest friends as adversaries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gary Shapiro'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Gary' being more prominent and the last name 'Shapiro' following in a similar style.

Gary Shapiro
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