



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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Mr. President:

Thank you for your work to negotiate better trade deals that will make America stronger, safer, and more competitive. As North Dakota's At-Large Congresswoman, I represent not only 800,000 North Dakotans, but also 25,000 family farms operating on 38 million acres. These North Dakota farm families are American patriots and have been the target of China's unfair trade practices. As a result, farmers are experiencing a market disruption that is threatening their livelihoods. North Dakota farmers want robust markets, not government relief, and while I fully expect your negotiations to result in greater market access in the long-term, I urge you to consider immediate support for farmers who are suffering the consequences of China's nefarious actions.

In the most recent crop year, North Dakota farmers planted more than 6.6 million acres of soybeans and harvested over 245 million bushels, with a gross value of nearly \$2.4 billion at current market prices. As the westernmost soybean producing region in the Great Plains, North Dakota ships nearly two-thirds of its soybeans to China through Pacific Northwest ports. However, those sales have fallen to virtually zero as trade tensions have frozen shipments to our farmers' largest customer.

This collapse in demand is having devastating effects. Accounting for basis, local North Dakota soybean prices are at or below \$8.65 per bushel, almost \$2 less than farmers' break-even price. In some cases, family farms are incurring losses that reach into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. These numbers represent more than balance-sheet stress; they threaten the survival of family farms that have been the backbone of North Dakota for generations.

The immediate response is to create a bridge payment program, similar to the Market Facilitation Program offered in 2019, to provide liquidity and certainty for farmers as they enter the next crop year. Such a program would help provide the resources producers need to continue planting, purchasing inputs, and maintaining their operations until markets stabilize. Without swift action,

we risk losing not only this season's production but also the long-term global competitiveness of American soybeans.

In the long-term, I know we share the same objective: to make American agriculture more resilient and competitive. That is what our producers want. I stand ready to work with your administration to re-open international markets, expand domestic markets and processing opportunities, and deliver relief quickly and responsibly to the farmers who need it most. North Dakota's farmers feed and fuel the world, and they deserve our full support against China's actions.

Thank you for your leadership and for your continued commitment to America's farmers. I look forward to partnering with you to make agriculture an even stronger pillar of our economy.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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