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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. President:

Every industry throughout our nation is reeling from the effects of COVID-19. This is especially true for the lighting, ceiling fan and controls industry. The economic hardships felt by this industry have been compounded by the tariffs associated with the List 3 $200 billion trade action of Section 301 (products coming from China).

As a concerned citizen, not to mention a Member of Congress, I urge to suspend these tariffs. Doing so will bring about much needed relief and signal your desire to lessen the negative economic effects being brought about by COVID-19. Unlike other actions recently undertaken to stem the effects, the action to suspend these tariffs is yours to make alone and suspending tariffs would go a long way to increasing consumer confidence for the lighting retail channel not to mention reversing the prolonged supply chain disruptions experienced by retailers and manufacturers.

In 2019, Americans paid billions in additional tariffs for lighting, ceiling fan and controls products. The additional tariffs paired with COVID-19 are sure to extend this period of economic uncertainty. The quickest remedy to turn around lost sales due to domestic ramifications caused by COVID-19 would be to suspend the Section 301 tariffs. Furthermore, without action from the Administration thousands of US based lighting industry jobs are at risk.

To preserve jobs, protect the economy and install consumer confidence, please suspend the tariffs.

Respectfully,

Member of Congress