

May 7, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE: Tariffs on Medical Products and Supplies During Coronavirus Pandemic**

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Minority Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of our member companies that provide dental equipment, supplies, materials and services to dentists and other oral care professionals, the Dental Trade Alliance (DTA) appreciates the work of Congress and the Administration to date to combat the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time, we urge Congress and the Administration to support a 90-day suspension of all tariffs on products relevant to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 4, 2020, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) issued a report on imports of medical supplies. After review of this report, the DTA agrees with Representative Richard Neal (D-MA), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, that a 90-day suspension of all tariffs on products necessary to respond to the current crisis is warranted. The current patchwork of tariffs on these products is counterproductive at this critical time and is adding unnecessary cost and confusion for manufacturers, distributors and consumers.

DTA also supports Chairman Neal's call for increasing domestic production of these goods in an effort to help resolve the persistent shortages of supplies, equipment, and medicines the United States needs to successfully combat the pandemic and save lives.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. We look forward to continuing to work with you during this critical time to protect the health of our nation. If you would like additional information, please contact Patrick Cooney at [patrick@federalgrp.com](mailto:patrick@federalgrp.com) or at (202) 413-2629.

Sincerely,



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