

April 30, 2025

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We strongly support your plan to close the de minimis loophole for goods from China on May 2, 2025, and thank you for this initiative and your order to end de minimis for all imports once adequate systems are in place to collect tariff revenue. Our coalition represents a broad range of voices, including American manufacturers and retailers, families who have lost loved ones to fentanyl, unions, and other organizations whose members are harmed by the de minimis exemption. We urge you to implement strong customs procedures as part of de minimis elimination to maximize the economic and public safety benefits of closing this dangerous loophole, which now allows goods worth \$800 or less per person per day to enter the United States duty-free and virtually uninspected.

As we stated in our [March 7 letter](#) to you, the ongoing exploitation of the de minimis loophole has caused significant harm to Americans nationwide and flooded the U.S. market with tariff-dodging and illegal products, including fentanyl and fentanyl precursors to the detriment of American communities, workers, and companies. We stand ready to work with your administration to end commercial de minimis for shipments from all countries so the deluge of packages and illicit goods coming into the United States under de minimis from China—approximately two-thirds of all de minimis shipments now—does not simply shift to another source country.

We believe that robust customs rules will be crucial to end the damage and threats posed by this loophole as you terminate de minimis for imports from China and Hong Kong, effective May 2. We encourage your administration to require the necessary information to enhance duty collections and inspections so that CBP can properly screen imports and enforce the law. CBP has discretion to require formal entry for any reason to ensure proper enforcement of import admissibility, which would entail additional information, including for low-value shipments if needed. We urge CBP not to suspend—even temporarily—regulations such as those requiring formal entry for all shipments valued over \$250 subject to penalty tariffs to permit the agency to enforce your directive effectively. Express shippers have sophisticated logistics systems that can easily process such entries with the requisite information. In fact, when the de minimis reforms went into effect earlier, before they were paused, express shippers pivoted virtually overnight to accommodate the new requirements, which demonstrates their ability to comply with the president's executive orders.

Thank you again for the critical steps you have taken to close the de minimis loophole. Your actions can make a significant difference in countering the flow of fentanyl and other illegal products into the United States. We look forward to continuing to work with your administration to end de minimis permanently and globally given the scope of the crisis.

Sincerely,

Alliance for American Manufacturing
American E-Commerce Business Alliance
American Economic Liberties Project
American Elastic
American Fashion Network
American Woolen
Coalition for a Prosperous America
Darling Fibers
Erik's Bike Shop
Facing Fentanyl
Families Against Fentanyl
Fentanyl Victims Network of North Carolina
Kelsie's Cause
Lost Voices of Fentanyl
National Association of Police Organizations
National Bike Dealers Association
National Council of Textile Organizations
National Crime Prevention Council
National Sheriffs Association
People for Bikes
Public Citizen
Remake
Reshoring Initiative
Rethink Trade
Shatterproof
Sherrill MFG
Victims of Illicit Drugs (VOID)
United Against Fentanyl
United Steelworkers
Uyghur Human Rights Project
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