

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 4, 2019

The Honorable Robert E. Lighthizer  
United States Trade Representative  
600 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

We write regarding the Office of the USTR's request for comments on products of the European Union (EU) that should be subject to additional duties if the EU remains out of compliance with the World Trade Organization's (WTO) aircraft ruling. If additional tariffs are imposed, we recommend that the Administration impose tariffs on EU canned peaches (2008.70.20) and canned fruit mixtures (2008.97.90).

For years, heavily subsidized, unfairly priced EU canned peaches have displaced US sales in markets around the world and here at home. Today, with the US industry's export markets all but lost to unfair competition, subsidized EU canned fruit continues to erode prices and sales in the US market.

In large part due to these unfair trading practices by the EU and other foreign suppliers, an important US fruit processor has recently closed its peach processing facility in California. Cling peach grower acreage in California continues to decline, as the US canned fruit industry fights for its survival.

If the EU fails to come into compliance with WTO rules and tariffs are imposed, we urge you to consider tariffs on EU canned peaches and canned fruit mixtures to help provide relief to US growers and deliver a message to the EU that its unfair agricultural practices must cease. Thank you for considering our views on this matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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