



December 15, 2022

Dear Member of Congress,

On behalf of the undersigned, we write to express our strong support for the immediate elimination of 301 and 232 tariffs on key home building materials as well as reinstatement of an exclusion process for the Section 301 tariffs. These tariffs continue to negatively impact the housing industry and are putting affordable housing out of reach for far too many American families.

Our community represents American home buyers, builders, and installers, as well as fixture, equipment, and material manufacturers who believe the time to act is now to stabilize the economy by lowering the skyrocketing costs of building. As inflation reaches record highs, American consumers and mid-size manufacturers continue to be hurt by tariffs. The damage has been compounded by the expiration of tariff exclusions and will be further exacerbated if remaining exclusions are allowed to expire at the end of year as is the current plan. Tariffs on home building materials are unjustified, self-imposed taxes that not only jeopardize industries critical to American homebuilding, property renovation, and community development in jeopardy, they also stifle any hope of economic resiliency.

As our country stands at the precipice of an affordable housing crisis, tariff relief could not come at a more important time. The current tariffs on home building materials restrict an already beleaguered U.S. housing sector which has been further negatively impacted by supply chain disruptions and raw material and labor shortages. This combination of factors is creating recessionary pressures on the industry, and curtailing U.S. investment in local manufacturing. As a direct result, jobs in construction and installation, architecture and design, development and remodel are jeopardized.

We have no doubt that you would agree that the housing and construction sector is vitally important to our national economic and social health of the United States. That is why we urge immediate action to provide relief to this important sector of our economy. Thank you for your consideration of these important issues.

Sincerely,

Housing Affordability Coalition (HAC)
Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
Leading Builders of America
Window & Door Manufacturers Association (WDMA)
National Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA)
National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies (NALHFA)

cc: U.S. Trade Representative
U.S. Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Secretary of Treasury
U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development