

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jamieson Greer
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
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Dear Ambassador Greer,

Thank you for your continued efforts to eliminate foreign trade barriers and open historic new market access for American farmers and ranchers through the Agreements on Reciprocal Trade, Frameworks and other agreements.

As you continue efforts to achieve reciprocal and balanced trade with China, we write in advance of the upcoming meeting between President Trump and Chinese President Xi to underscore the critical importance of China as a market for U.S. cotton. China represents the world's largest textile industry, currently processing one-third of global cotton production. With cotton demand exceeding domestic production, China has historically been one of the largest importers of cotton and, for many years, constituted the largest export market for U.S. cotton, accounting for 29 percent of U.S. production between 2020 and 2024. We appreciate the benefits of the Phase One Agreement negotiated by President Trump in 2020, as China increased its purchases of U.S. cotton after entering into this agreement.

However, American cotton exports to China significantly declined by 87 percent in 2025 due to China's unjustified retaliation against U.S. enforcement actions. We urge continued engagement with China with a goal of eliminating its 10 percent tariff on U.S. cotton and securing cotton-specific purchase commitments that would match or exceed the overall ambition of the Phase One Agreement. In addition, we believe any eventual agreement between the two countries should include clear remedies for any failure by China to live up to its commitment.

Our cotton farmers and the broader industry are eager to diversify by increasing exports to other markets, and they are encouraged by the market-opening agreements you have successfully reached with Bangladesh and Indonesia. However, due to the sheer size of China's textile industry relative to the global industry, diversification will take time. Together, China and India represent 55 percent of world mill consumption. Excluding India, China is as large as the combined textile industries in the next seven importers – Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Turkey, Indonesia, Mexico, and Egypt.

We are grateful for the Trump Administration's efforts to open markets for U.S. agriculture and look forward to supporting your efforts as the negotiations progress.

Sincerely,



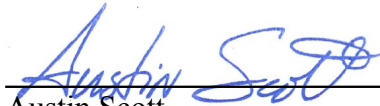
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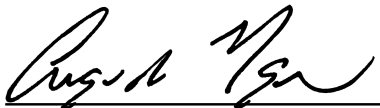
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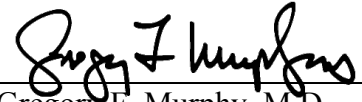
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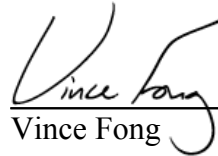
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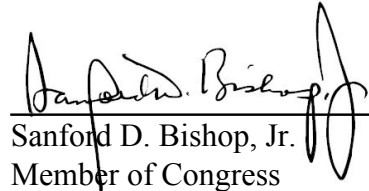
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