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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Penny Pritzker
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Pritzker:

I am writing on behalf of Unilever and Smuckers, companies with thousands of employees in the State of Tennessee, regarding concerns about proposed modifications to the 2014 Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duty Suspension Agreements between the United States and Mexico.

It appears that efforts are being made to change the most recent Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duty Suspension Agreement with Mexico to require sugar imported from Mexico to be sold only to refineries that granulate and crystalize sugar.

This is problematic because there are sugar refineries in the U.S. that only produce liquid sugar, which is used by a number of domestic manufacturers such as Unilever and Smuckers. Restricting imports could reduce competition and harm domestic liquid sugar refiners, as well as the manufacturers and producers these refiners supply.

Therefore, I urge you to carefully consider any potential impacts this proposal could have on liquid sugar refiners, their customers, and consumers before making any modifications to the 2014 Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duty Suspension Agreements between the United States and Mexico.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information, or your office may wish to be in touch with Lindsay Garcia of my staff at (202) 224-4944.

Sincerely,



Lamar Alexander
United States Senator