

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

Thank you for your efforts to secure a favorable economic environment for North Dakota and Montana agricultural producers. As trade negotiations progress, we encourage you to push for favorable pulse crop provisions in any agreement the United States signs with the Republic of India.

North Dakota and Montana are the top two producers of pulse crops, including peas, and India is the world's largest consumer of these crops, contributing to approximately 27% of the world's consumption. The most commonly consumed pulse crops in India are lentils, chickpeas, dried beans, and peas, yet they have levied substantial tariffs on American pulse crops.

India announced on October 30, 2025, it would impose a 30% tariff on yellow peas. The higher duty went into effect on November 1, 2025. As a result of the unfair Indian tariffs, U.S. pulse crop producers face a significant competitive disadvantage when exporting their high-quality product to India.

In your first term, we wrote to you on this issue, and you hand-delivered our letter to Prime Minister Modi during the 2020 trade negotiations with India, which helped bring our producers to the table. Your work to expand market opportunities for U.S. farm commodities has been critical. As the United States looks to rebalance trade disparities, American farmers are ready to help fill the gap. They have tremendous capacity to feed and fuel the world if trade opportunities are unleashed. Engaging Prime Minister Modi on pulse crop tariffs to enhance the economic cooperation between our countries would be mutually beneficial to both American producers and Indian customers.

Sincerely,



Kevin Cramer
United States Senator



Steve Daines
United States Senator