

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Jamieson Greer
United States Trade Representative
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
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Dear Ambassador Greer,

We appreciate the decisive actions taken by you and by President Trump to address unfair trading practices against American agricultural producers, as well as your efforts to enhance market access across the globe. America's domestic sheep industry, already facing stubbornly high input costs and labor shortages, has suffered serious harm due to unchecked imports from foreign competitors over the last several years. As senators who represent significant portions of the domestic sheep industry, we urge you to use all available measures at your disposal to support American sheep producers.

Foreign competitors, particularly Australia and New Zealand, have consistently taken advantage of our comparatively open market and relaxed standards to undercut producers in our states. According to the American Sheep Industry Association, lamb meat imports have increased by nearly 45 percent since 2020, accounting for 70 percent of the domestic market. This surge has eroded market share for struggling producers and caused serious harm to the domestic lamb meat industry.

Given the sustained increase in imports and subsequent harms, we support the recent petition requesting that the United States Trade Representative ask the U.S. International Trade Commission to initiate a global safeguard investigation into imports of lamb meat as authorized under Sections 201 and 202 of the Trade Act of 1974. As you continue to negotiate with relevant trading partners, we also urge you to prioritize any corrective measures that would offer much needed relief for America's sheep producers.

America has a vested interest in maintaining a thriving sheep industry, but without action multi-generational family run farms and ranches may no longer be viable in the future. We appreciate the Trump Administration's ongoing support for American agriculture and willingness to address injurious harm caused by unfair trading practices from competitors across the globe.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator



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