

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 6, 2026

The Honorable Brett W. Doyle
Chairman
United States International Trade Commission
500 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20436

Dear Chairman Doyle,

As Members of Congress who proudly represent growers and processors in the American sheep industry, we write regarding the U.S. International Trade Commission's (Commission) global safeguard investigation of lamb meat imports pursuant to Sections 201-204 of the Trade Act of 1974. During this investigation, we urge the Commission to carefully consider the data and testimony before it regarding the significant challenges faced by American sheep producers. And should the Commission make an affirmative determination in accordance with the statute, we urge the Commission to recommend a remedy that provides prompt and meaningful relief to the domestic industry.

The families behind America's sheep farms and ranches have faced mounting pressures, including from rapidly increasing imports, which negatively impact our rural communities and domestic food production. The U.S. Trade Representative's (USTR) July 13, 2026, letter directing the Commission to initiate the Section 201 investigation states that "import statistics indicate that lamb meat imports...have increased in recent years" and "[a]vailable information suggests that these imports have resulted in domestic industry lost sales, revenues, and market share as imported lamb meat significantly undersold the domestic like product." USTR's letter further states that "firms have exited the domestic industry entirely, and there have been domestic industry job losses, decreased capacity utilization rates, and struggles to maintain profitability."

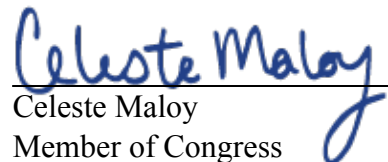
For example, foreign competitors, particularly Australia and New Zealand, continue to expand their market share. Over the last five years, lamb meat imports increased by nearly 45%, rising from 213.6 million pounds in 2020 to 309.3 million pounds in 2024. Import volumes remain at high levels. To date, 2026 imports account for roughly 70% of the domestic market, and are sold at prices averaging 10.8% below those of the domestic product. This trend contributes to domestic industry's lost sales, reduced revenues, and declining market share, which makes it challenging for producers to sustain their ranches that support their families and communities.

The United States has a clear interest in maintaining a strong domestic sheep industry that supports rural communities, strengthens domestic supply chains, and ensures continued access to high-quality American lamb. We appreciate USTR's recognition of this in directing the Commission to initiate this Section 201 investigation. And we appreciate the Commission's commitment to conducting a thorough analysis of all the submitted data during the investigation and, if appropriate, providing much needed relief to our domestic producers.

Sincerely,



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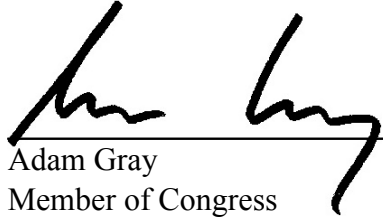
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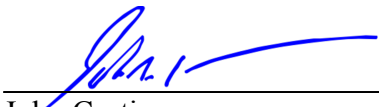
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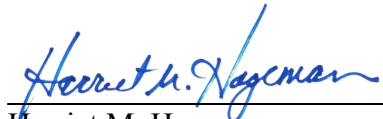
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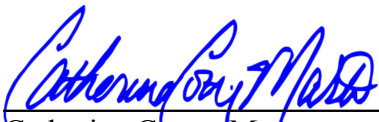
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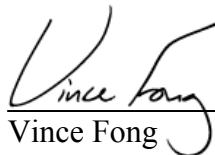
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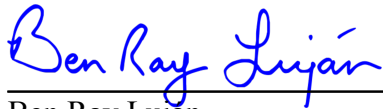
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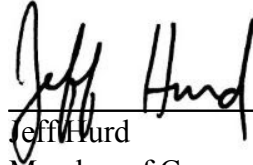
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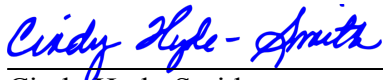
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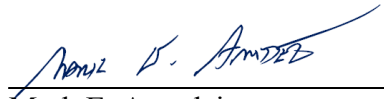
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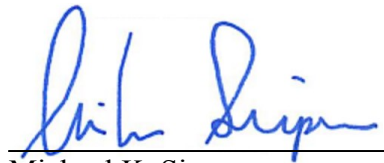
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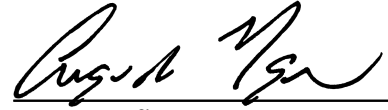
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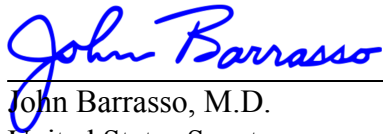
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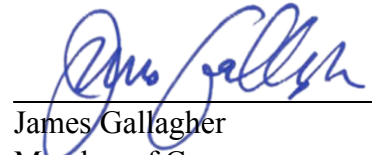
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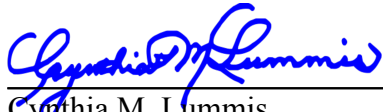
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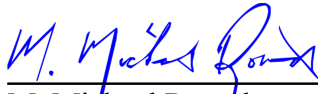
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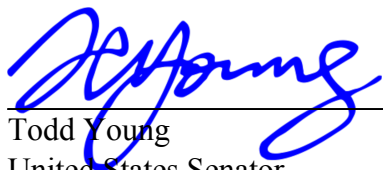
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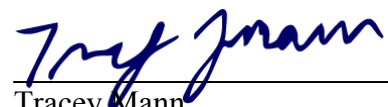
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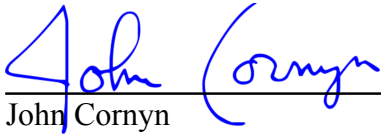
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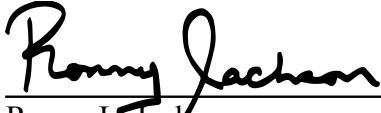
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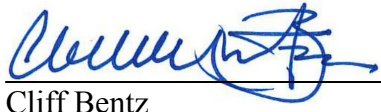
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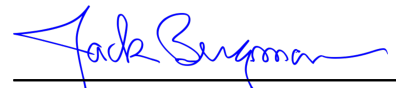
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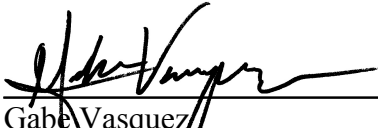
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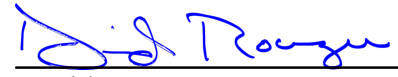
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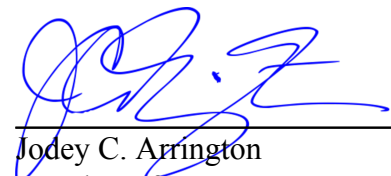
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