

October 9, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for S.J.Res.81, A Joint Resolution Terminating the National Emergency Declared to Impose Duties on Articles Imported From Brazil

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Ranking Member Schumer:

On behalf of the National Retail Federation, I write in support of S.J.Res. 81, A Joint Resolution Terminating the National Emergency Declared to Impose Duties on Articles Imported From Brazil. We are concerned that the tariffs against Brazil are being used for non-trade purposes to address political concerns. As the administration focuses tariffs against countries where we have a trade deficit, the opposite is the case with Brazil, where we have a trade surplus.

NRF, the world's largest retail trade association, passionately advocates for the people, brands, policies and ideas that help retail succeed. NRF empowers the industry that powers the economy. Retail is the nation's largest private-sector employer, contributing \$5.3 trillion to annual GDP and supporting one in four U.S. jobs — 55 million working Americans. For over a century, NRF has been a voice for every retailer and every retail job, educating, inspiring and communicating the powerful impact retail has on local communities and global economies.

Brazil is an example of a trading partner where we continue to have a trade surplus. While there may be some concerns with some of Brazil's trade policies and practices, the administration has taken the right approach to launch a Section 301 investigation into those trade practices. Using Section 301 as opposed to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act is the right approach in this case.

As part of the administration's trade policy is to encourage companies to diversify their supply chains away from China, Brazil has become an important supplier for key consumer goods such as apparel, footwear, personal care products and furniture. The IEEPA tariffs have now negatively impacted companies that have shifted production away from China. In addition, Brazil is a major supplier of coffee, which is a product that is not grown in the United States in quantities to meet consumer demand.



For the reasons above, we encourage senators to vote in favor of S.J.Res. 81 and remove the IEEPA tariffs on Canada. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David French". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "F".

David French
Executive Vice President
Government Relations