

May 4, 2026**THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN JIM JORDAN & RANKING MEMBER JAMIE RASKIN****United States House Committee on the Judiciary**

2138 Rayburn House Building

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Jordan and Ranking Member Raskin:

On behalf of the Coalition for a Prosperous America (CPA), we write to urge the House Judiciary Committee to schedule a markup of H.R. 1869, the Protecting American Industry and Labor from International Trade Crimes Act (PAIL Act). This bill has broad bipartisan support in both chambers and passed the House under suspension last Congress. American manufacturers, farmers, and workers are losing ground every day to foreign competitors who cheat their way into the U.S. market through customs fraud schemes including transshipment, undervaluation and misclassification, and our enforcement infrastructure has not kept pace with the scale of the problem.

Data tracked by the Alliance for Trade EnforcementNOW illustrates what that means on the ground: CBP uncovered more than \$400 million in unpaid duties in just the first seven months of 2025 through Enforce and Protect Act (EAPA) investigations. In one case, a network of Chinese shell companies routed goods through Indonesia, South Korea, and Vietnam, resulting in more than \$250 million in evaded duties, the largest EAPA case in CBP history. These are not isolated incidents, they are symptoms of an enforcement gap that bad actors exploit at the expense of every American business that follows the rules.

When foreign producers and complicit importers evade duties, they gain an artificial price advantage over domestic manufacturers who absorb the full cost of compliance. The Department of Justice recognized this reality when it designated trade and customs fraud a high-priority enforcement area, and the DOJ, together with DHS, established a Trade Fraud Task Force in August 2025. But executive action alone is not enough, durable and consistent enforcement requires a statutory foundation.

We urge the Committee to move this legislation forward. CPA and the Alliance for Trade EnforcementNOW are prepared to provide any additional data, member testimony, or industry documentation that would assist the Committee's consideration.

Respectfully,

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