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TREE FARMS

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Dear Congressman Moolenaar,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the rising importation of artificial Christmas trees into the United States and to request your support in imposing tariffs on these products.

Artificial Christmas trees have become a popular alternative to traditional, farm-grown trees among many American families. However, approximately 95% of these artificial trees are manufactured in China, where lower production costs stemming from inexpensive labor and materials allow foreign producers to undercut domestic growers. This influx is adversely impacting American Christmas tree growers.

Introducing tariffs on imported artificial Christmas trees can yield several key benefits:

1. **Supporting American Christmas Tree Growers:** Tariffs would help level the playing field by protecting American growers from unfair competition. Ensuring fair market conditions is crucial for protecting over 40,000 jobs and securing the long-term viability of this industry within the United States.
2. **Promoting Fair Trade:** Based on import values, there is growing evidence that some Chinese manufacturers undervalue their products for import purposes or are highly subsidized. Tariffs would encourage a more balanced trade relationships, ensuring that foreign producers contribute fairly to our economy.
3. **Environmental Considerations:** The production and long-distance shipping of artificial Christmas trees from overseas contribute to significant carbon emissions and other environmental impacts. By supporting domestic growers, we can reduce the overall environmental footprint associated with these products and promote more sustainable practices.

Implementing these tariffs aligns with the broader goals of protecting American jobs and ensuring fair trade practices. I urge you to take decisive action to support the interests of American Christmas tree growers, their employees, and the long-term viability of our industry.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, your service to our country, and your dedication to representing the interests of your constituents. I appreciate any efforts you can make to address this issue and am happy to provide any further information that might be helpful.

Sincerely,

Scott Powell