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Subject: Responding to your message

Dear Mr. Polzer,

Thank you for contacting me about recent actions taken by President Trump on tariffs and trade.

I am alarmed at President Trump's numerous executive orders relating to trade. Since taking office, the President has imposed a global tariff on goods imported from every country on earth; imposed punitive tariffs on our allies like Canada, Mexico, the European Union (EU), Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan; and levied tariffs on imports of cars, car parts, steel, and aluminum.

President Trump's tariffs are nothing more than an enormous tax hike on Virginia consumers, who will soon be left footing the bill as they pay more for groceries, electronics, clothes, and cars. Tariffs should be targeted wisely, not applied to practically all goods in a way that eliminates jobs, alienates our closest partners, and evaporates the retirement savings of hardworking Americans.

President Trump ran for office promising to lower prices "on day one," but his tariffs are doing the opposite. They amount to the largest tax increase on American families in recent history. Recent reports estimate that President Trump's tariffs are expected to cost a typical family \$3,800 a year due to elevated prices.

Under President Trump's tariffs, Americans will experience a price hike on everyday products including clothes, food, fresh fruits and vegetables, and drug store supplies. In addition to everyday products, these tariffs are expected to increase the price of American-made cars by almost \$3,000. They will also exacerbate our current housing crisis by increasing the cost of construction materials used to repair existing buildings and to build new homes.

On April 8, 2025, at a hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance, I questioned the United States Trade Representative on the President's decision to impose global tariffs. To view the hearing visit: <https://sen.gov/warner/QY479>.

The impacts of the President's global trade war will also cause Virginia's businesses, including our farmers and manufacturers, to suffer. As Elon Musk continues his relentless

attacks on the federal workforce, these tariffs are likely to be a double whammy to Virginia's economy. Over 7,000 businesses in Virginia export nearly \$22 billion worth of products each year. Our foreign trading partners purchase everything from heavy-duty trucks manufactured in Southwest Virginia to poultry from the Shenandoah Valley and the Eastern Shore. Disrupting this trade only creates more challenges for Virginia businesses – damage that could take years to recover.

On April 4, 2025, I joined Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Michael Bennet (D-CO), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), and Mitch McConnell (R-KY) in introducing the bipartisan Trade Review Act of 2025, a bill that restores congressional authority over tariffs and reins in the president's power to impose tariffs. This bill requires that Congress approve new tariffs imposed by the president within 60 days, otherwise the tariff expires.

Additionally, On March 11, 2025, I was proud to join Senators Tim Kaine (D-VA) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) in introducing legislation to undo President Trump's wildly unpopular tariffs on Canadian goods. This resolution, which terminates President Trump's February 1, 2025 emergency order used to implement tariffs on Canadian imports, passed the Senate 51-48 in a bipartisan vote and now awaits consideration in the House of Representatives. To view a speech I delivered on the Senate floor regarding the impact of the President's tariffs on Canada please visit: <https://sen.gov/warner/RZJ7N>.

These irrational and reckless tariffs are nothing more than a tax on American families at a time when Virginians are already struggling with the cost of living. By imposing these tariffs, President Trump is raising prices on everything from groceries to cars to houses, bringing uncertainty to Virginia small businesses and killing American jobs. President Trump was elected on a promise to bring down rising prices, but these tariffs do the opposite.

I appreciate the time you have taken to contact me about this issue, and you may be assured that I stand ready to work with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to protect Virginia's economic interests and undo these senseless and damaging tariffs.

Sincerely,
MARK R. WARNER
United States Senator