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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Changes to LCA Comment Portal: ICR 202005-0350-001

To whom it may concern,

Good afternoon. My name is Steve Sommerville, owner of Ocean South Imports, a small wine wholesaler in Raleigh, NC who also works closely with many importers of European wine.

I am writing to voice my opposition to the tariffs stemming from the Large Civil Aircraft dispute. As a small business owner who is already suffering from the economic downturn caused by COVID-19, these tariffs add an extra layer of burden that we are not financially equipped to deal with.

We have worked countless hours in an industry that works on low margins to build up a business out of passion, and this tariff is eating away at that. Especially in this current economic environment where pricing is crucial to be able to sell wine.

As a loyal American Citizen, I am sympathetic to fights against unfair trade practices and understand the need to fight for American interests, but feel that this tariff is misdirected as it causes more burden on small American businesses-- the importers, wholesalers, restaurants, retailers, freight companies, etc who have a hand in selling European wine.

Please consider other avenues that do not harm small American businesses to address the Large Civil Aircraft trade dispute. Thanks!

Kindest Regards,
Steve Sommerville



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