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I am writing regarding the specific issue of wine tariffs related to the Large Civil Aircraft Dispute. As an importer of French wine, the negative effects these tariffs have had on our business have been enormous even before the Coronavirus pandemic shut down many of our clients. Since being implemented last October, the tariffs had already resulted in a slow down in our sales due to the higher prices that negatively impacted many of our products, and additionally forced us to delay hiring and expanding our sales force. The economic impact of the pandemic has further weakened us to the point we are unsure if we will survive without some relief. The biggest relief we could receive would be to remove these onerous tariffs. To continue to face a 25% tax on many of the wines we depend on for our business would be the proverbial insult to injury at this point. So many in our industry are reeling financially during these uncertain times and we must not add to the burden through trade policy that actually hurts our own citizenry in the end.

Thank you,

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