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My name is Ryan Zeman I am the owner of Zeman Global Selections a wine import/distribution business in San Diego. I started my business in 2012 and it is 90% based on Imports from European Countries. This Tariff will all but decimate my business overnight. I have worked in this industry for about 15 years. My sales force here in California and will be put out of work within a matter of months.

This of course was all before the recent onslaught of Coronavirus. Now after many months with little to no business we are in a more dire situation. Now we are struggling just to be able to fill a container with enough wine to ship. A new tariff on top would almost guarantee not even being able to make ends meet at all. Our industry the Hospitality industry which is the largest consumer of these goods has been decimated. Restaurants/Hotels are just barely reopening and many are giving up and shutting down there businesses not even able to make a comeback. How can we expect to sell goods that could skyrocket up in price due to the tariff.

It was not the time before to add on these tariffs (especially since this is a fight we should not even be part of) and certainly not now after the intense pain our industry has felt this year.

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