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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a small business retailer of imported and domestic wines that is concerned with the tariffs that are being imposed and considered on wine from the European Union ("EU"). I STRONGLY urge you not to punish me, or my fellow wine lovers, or my fellow hardworking wine retailers, restaurateurs, importers and distributors for problems we didn't cause. It's unfair at face value. You should punish those responsible. Punishing Airbus and their suppliers and French digital services companies would be much more effective, as well as fair.

Because of these import tariffs, the prices will go up dramatically for wine. Margins on wine are extremely small, and the sale of wine is highly regulated, with virtually every state imposing a three-tier distribution system with markups occurring at each tier of distribution.

There is no substitute for imports of wine from the EU. Wines from the EU are different from domestic wines and wines from other countries as a matter of consumer taste. Further, most importers are small boutique businesses who have no stake in this unrelated fight!

In the time of pandemic, it is strikingly needless to put such pressure on small business's margins when SO many of us are already struggling with razor-thin margins and to retain or hire employees. It also raises prices that American consumers pay on everyday items such as wine - this makes no sense!

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U.S. JOBS AND BENEFIT AMERICAN BUSINESS!!!!

Small businesses such as mine should not suffer because of a dispute involving Boeing and Airbus. Retaliatory tariffs on these matters should target Airbus and their suppliers who benefitted from the subsidies, or not at all. Please do not unfairly and needlessly punish U.S. small businesses!