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Dear USTR:

We are a small wine importer based in Texas since 2015. We worked hard and were rewarded with steady sales increases. Then, the tariffs were imposed, and we could no longer afford to bring in wine under 14% alcohol well over half our business.

The effect has been dire, as you can imagine. In addition to the lost business, we are paying European brokers to warehouse wine we had pre-ordered, before the tariffs were imposed, essentially more money lost.

When our government talks about all the revenue being generated through the tariffs, we are astonished! Perhaps some larger importers are paying the exorbitant tariffs, but most importers we know are simply storing thousands of bottles of wines and praying.

Please consider small businesses like ours when you render your decision concerning the large civil aircraft dispute. If the tariffs are continued, we will simply have to file for bankruptcy.

Thank you for your consideration Marla Norman Co-Owner of Michel Thibault Wine ID: USTR-2020-0024-0059

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