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Comment from Three Ring Productions LLC, dba Circo Vino

The is a Comment on the Office of United States Trade Representative (USTR) Notice: Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals: Large Civil Aircraft Dispute Portal

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Comment

Dear Honorable Ambassador Lighthizer, Honorable Deputy Ambassador Gerrish, and Counselor Kaye,

My name is Sariya Jarasviroj Brown. I am a registered voter and US Citizen in Tucson, Arizona [Congressional Districts 2,(Kirkpatrick) and 3, (Grijalva)]. I own a small wine importing business based in Tucson and servicing about 20 markets across the country. Since November of 2019, my business has been tangibly and adversely affected by U.S. Tariffs on wines from the European Union countries and the UK that were decided in #USTR-2019-0003-2518, related to the Large Civl Aircraft Dispute reviewed by World Trade Organization. Regarding my opposition to the U.S. tariffs on imported wines, I have written to the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on behalf of my company, Three Ring Productions, LLC dba Circo Vino, on several occasion via this public portal and also by US Postal Service. As well, I have met and collaborated with a core group of fellow wine industry members to form the U.S. Wine Trade Alliance (USWTA) which stands in direct opposition to the detrimental nature of U.S.Wine Tariffs on imported wine on our three-tiered, highly-regulated, supply-chain that is comprised, by and large, of independently owned and small businesses. Through my own efforts and those of the USWTA, I and my industry members have educated ourselves in how we as citizens and wine industry members can make our voices heard to the USTR. This public portal has been an important piece in the ability for average wine industry business people to communicate their grievances and concerns about USTR decisions negatively affecting our industry.

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While I am sensitive to the budgetary concerns of the USTR that Counselor Kaye put forth in the Federal Register, Vol. 85, No. 102, on May 27, 2020, I must point out that the current U.S. Tariffs on imported wines had already sent our industry into a recession prior to the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic. At this point, most of us are fighting to keep our businesses alive and have already suffered great losses while concurrently paying for any tariff affected shipments needed to continue to keep our businesses moving forward.

In terms of truly being available to meet the concerns of citizens like me, I find this proposed change to the public comment portal with respect to #USTR-2019-0003-2518 to be punitive and an obstruction of my First Amendment rights. I understand that changing a venue for public comment is not the same as passing a new law, however, this change will cause our industry to spend precious time and energy in re-learning and re-organizing how we communicate with the USTR on the matter of the Large Civil Aircraft Dispute. By making the opportunity for the to public comment more difficult by obscuring the avenues to post comments, you are abridging my freedom of speech and my right to peaceably petition my government for a redress of my grievances. I do not support the proposed changes to the public comment process.

For more information about my specific concerns related to # USTR-2019-0003-2518, I have attached my most recent communication sent to the USTR by U.S. Postal Service on March 27, 2020.

I appreciate the opportunity to continue to support your understanding of how important it is to me, my small business, and my industry that my voice in opposition to U.S. Wine Tariffs on imported wines is heard.

Sincerely, Sariya Jarasviroj Brown Owner, Circo Vino Tucson, Arizona 85701

Attachments (1)

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