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To Whom it May Concern:

I write to oppose the request from the office of the U.S. Trade Representative for a new ICR for the Large Civil Aircraft dispute. The changes outlined in the request harm the public, by making it significantly more difficult to comment on proposed retaliatory tariffs involving the Large Civil Aircraft dispute. The burdens on affected businesses are already notable, as many have been damaged due to the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Making the process for these businesses to comment more difficult going forward is wrong, and should be avoided.

The proposed changes are not necessary for the proper performance of USTR's functions. The current regulations.gov site is perfectly capable of receiving the number of comments the USTR expects, and is much easier for the public to submit their comments on the issue. The U.S. Government should work to ease the public's burden in commenting on matters that affect its businesses and citizens, and this initiative does the opposite.

For these reasons, I ask this request for the new, emergency ICR be denied.

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