



THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

October 16, 2018

The Honorable Orrin Hatch
President Pro Tempore
United States Senate
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

In accordance with section 105(a)(1)(A) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (the Trade Priorities and Accountability Act), and pursuant to authority delegated to me by the President, I am pleased to notify Congress that the President intends to initiate negotiations on a trade agreement with the United Kingdom. We will consult closely with Congress in developing our negotiating positions to ensure that they are consistent with Congressional priorities and objectives outlined in section 102 of the Trade Priorities and Accountability Act. We intend to initiate negotiations with the United Kingdom as soon as it is ready after it exits from the European Union on March 29, 2019.

The United States seeks to support higher-paying jobs in the United States and to grow the U.S. economy by improving U.S. opportunities for trade and investment with the United Kingdom. Our specific objectives for this negotiation will comply with the specific objectives set forth by Congress in section 102 of the Trade Priorities and Accountability Act.

The United States and the United Kingdom are the first and fifth largest economies in the world, respectively, and maintain a broad and deep trade and investment relationship. An ambitious trade agreement between our two countries could further expand this relationship by removing existing goods and services tariff and non-tariff trade barriers and by developing cutting edge obligations for emerging sectors where U.S. and UK innovators and entrepreneurs are most competitive.

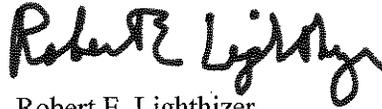
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Our aim in negotiations with the United Kingdom is to address both tariff and non-tariff barriers and to achieve free, fair, and reciprocal trade in a manner consistent with the objectives that Congress has set out in section 102 of the Trade Priorities and Accountability Act. We are committed to working closely with Congress, including on matters of scope, and to following the requirements of the Trade Priorities and Accountability Act and the guidelines issued pursuant to section 104(a)(3) of that Act. Further, we

recognize that effective implementation and enforcement of the commitments made by our trading partners under our trade agreements are vital to the success of those agreements, and we will seek provisions that ensure effective implementation and enforcement.

We are committed to concluding these negotiations with timely and substantive results for U.S. consumers, businesses, farmers, ranchers, and workers, consistent with U.S. priorities and the negotiating objectives established by Congress in statute. We look forward to continuing to work with Congress as negotiations with the United Kingdom begin, and we commit to working with you closely and transparently throughout the process.

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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
H-232 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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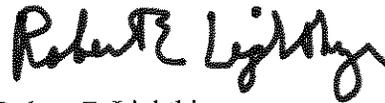
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Democratic Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-204 The Capitol
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Dear Leader Pelosi:

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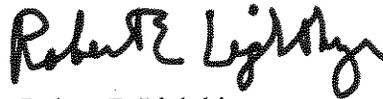
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S-204 The Capitol
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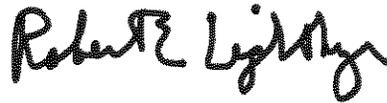
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