

# Congress of the United States

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Ambassador Jamieson Greer  
United States Trade Representative  
600 17th Street NW  
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Dear Ambassador Greer,

We, the undersigned Members of Congress representing districts with significant cotton production, would like to thank you for your successful efforts to negotiate new trade agreements that reduce foreign barriers to American agricultural exports. Since President Trump took office, you and your team have secured significant market-opening commitments from trading partners. These deals have been critical to boosting demand for U.S. commodities after the poor economic policies of the previous administration drove Rural America into crisis.

The recently announced joint statement outlining an Interim Agreement between the United States and India provides monumental opportunities for American agriculture, given India's history of maintaining some of the highest trade barriers in the world. Importantly for the U.S. cotton industry, which exports 85 percent of its production, India is currently the fourth largest global textile exporter. However, the country maintains an 11 percent tariff on raw cotton imports, creating a significant barrier for our producers. On occasion, India has temporarily lifted its import duties on U.S. cotton to support its growing textile sector, but these instances are short-lived and do not represent reliable market access.

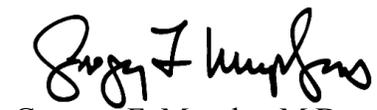
As you finalize the details of this Interim Agreement and any subsequent agreements with India, we urge you to negotiate a permanent reduction or elimination of India's trade barriers to American cotton exports. This is a critical moment for American cotton farmers. Increasing market access to one of the world's largest economies would provide a much-needed market-driven boost to our cotton farmers who have suffered several years of historic losses resulting from inflation, low demand, and inclement weather. Additionally, increased U.S. exports to India would be mutually beneficial by helping support India's growing textile industry with reliable and high-quality U.S. inputs.

We sincerely thank you for your effective leadership and look forward to our continued work together to lower foreign trade barriers for American agriculture.

Sincerely,



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