



March 11, 2026

The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-230, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-221, The Capitol  
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE: Restricting Presidential Tariff Authority in Light of U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on *Learning Resources, Inc. v. Trump***

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader Jeffries,

We write to you today with shared concern for the residents of our states -- our farmers, manufacturers, small business owners, and working families -- who have experienced significant economic harm as a result of the sweeping tariffs imposed by the Executive Branch this past year. With last week's landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Learning Resources, Inc. v. Trump* establishing that the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) does not authorize the President to impose tariffs, we respectfully urge you to cast aside any efforts to codify the invalidated levies struck down by the Supreme Court and instead enact meaningful statutory constraints on presidential tariff power that allow for appropriate congressional review.

Since the imposition of broad tariffs under the claimed authority of IEEPA, our states have seen the consequences ripple through every sector of our economy. Families and consumers are paying dramatically more for everyday goods, with independent economic analyses estimating that these tariffs have cost the average American family hundreds to over a thousand dollars per year in higher prices. Those dollars represent real sacrifices, such as fewer groceries, deferred medical care, and reduced savings. By late 2025, two-thirds of Americans had expressed concern about the impact of these tariffs on their finances.<sup>1</sup>

Just this month, sixty-three percent of registered voters said they disapprove of the administration's handling of tariffs.<sup>2</sup> The Supreme Court's ruling affirmed that the authority to set tariff and trade policy belongs to the Congress of the United States and not the Executive Branch as a sole actor. At this pivotal moment, action to clarify and limit the scope of presidential tariff authority under existing statutes is needed, including guardrails that allow for congressional review and approval before sweeping, emergency tariff structures affecting the economy are set into motion.

The Supreme Court has spoken, and now it is Congress's turn to act. We urge you to seize this moment, work across party lines, and restore to the American people meaningful control over trade policy that affects their daily lives.

Sincerely,



Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor of Michigan



Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor of New Mexico



Jared Polis  
Governor of Colorado



Ned Lamont  
Governor of Connecticut



Matt Meyer  
Governor of Delaware



JB Pritzker  
Governor of Illinois

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<sup>1</sup> [“A Year in Review: How the Trump Administration’s Economic Policies Made Life Less Affordable for Americans.” Center for American Progress. January 20, 2026.](#)

<sup>2</sup> [“Fox News Poll: Trump’s tariffs faced broad disapproval even before Supreme Court ruling.” February 20, 2026.](#)



Laura Kelly  
Governor of Kansas



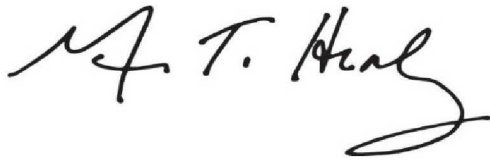
Andy Beshear  
Governor of Kentucky



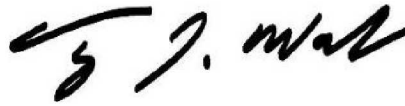
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