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The Honorable John Thune
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
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I am writing on behalf of the people of Illinois and our working families who have been forced to pay additional taxes on goods and services due to the illegal tariffs imposed by the Trump Administration. Last week, I sent President Trump an invoice asking for \$1,700 back for every household in my state. With 5,105,448 Illinois households, that bill comes to \$8,679,261,600. One individual went around Congress and decided to tax working families and people across our state.

Our families paid that price at the grocery store. Our farmers and ranchers watched the export markets they spent generations building disappear overnight. Our manufacturers absorbed skyrocketing costs. Our small businesses got squeezed from every direction. The Supreme Court has now confirmed that these tariffs were unconstitutional, so I believe the people of Illinois are owed back every penny they lost.

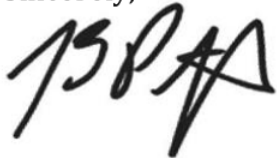
With the Supreme Court's 6-3 ruling firmly establishing that the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) does not authorize the President to impose tariffs, I urge you to reject any effort to codify the invalidated tax and instead pass meaningful constraints on presidential tariff authority, including guardrails that require congressional review before sweeping tariffs are imposed on the United States economy. Congress has a responsibility to reclaim the power from a rogue Executive Branch, and the American people are ready for accountability.

While tariff refunds typically go directly to the importer of record, the costs of these illegal tariffs were ultimately borne by American consumers. Working families paid higher prices at

the checkout line, which means they are entitled to relief as well. For that reason, I also urge you to pass the Tariff Refund Act of 2026 without delay. This legislation is simple, straightforward, and exactly what Illinois families are owed. It requires a refund of all unlawfully collected tariffs, with interest, within 180 days, prioritizing the small businesses that have been hit the hardest and have the fewest resources to navigate a complex refund process on their own.

Roughly \$175 billion in illegal taxes were collected from American families and businesses nationwide. That money needs to be returned to the people it was taken from. The Supreme Court has done its part. Now, it is time for you to do your part. Pass the Tariff Refund Act, rein in this lawless President, and deliver for the working families of Illinois and every state in this nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JB Pritzker', written in a cursive style.

Governor JB Pritzker