

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 17, 2025

Ambassador Jamieson Greer
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20508

CC: The Honorable Brooke L. Rollins, Secretary of Agriculture

Dear Ambassador Greer:

The U.S. is the world's top blueberry producing nation and increasing exports to markets in the Asia-Pacific region supports producers in our districts and states, creating good agriculture jobs.

In your engagements on agricultural trade with international counterparts, we urge you to make blueberries, including frozen blueberries, a priority, and wish to highlight for your attention three specific bilateral issues affecting U.S. blueberry producers:

Japan

In 2019, the United States and Japan reached an agreement which eliminated Japan's tariffs on imports of U.S. fresh and dried blueberries. However, frozen blueberries were not included in this agreement and continue to face a tariff of up to 9.6 percent. As a result, American frozen blueberry exports to Japan have been declining relative to global competitors including Canada and the European Union.

The issue of frozen blueberry market access in Japan has drawn bipartisan and bicameral attention and we urge you to work to eliminate Japan's tariff on U.S. frozen blueberries¹.

Vietnam

U.S. fresh blueberries were approved for import to Vietnam in 2019 and shipments have grown rapidly, reaching over 100 tons in 2024. There is still significant room for growth in this market. While Vietnam announced in March that it was reducing tariffs on some U.S. agricultural products, blueberries were not included. We urge you to seek a reduction or elimination of Vietnam's tariff on U.S. blueberries.

Republic of Korea

The Republic of Korea is an increasingly important export market for U.S. fresh and frozen blueberries. However, after years of negotiations, market access for U.S. fresh blueberries remains limited only to blueberries grown in Oregon. Producers in Washington, California and other states want similar access to the growing Korean market for their fresh blueberries and are

¹ "Bipartisan Group of Lawmakers to U.S. Trade Rep, USDA: Ensure Equal Access to Markets for Blueberry Farmers," Office of Rep. Rick Larsen, May 9, 2023.

concerned about the duration of previous market access negotiations on other agricultural products.

We urge you to communicate to Korea's trade negotiators the importance of rapidly reviewing and approving market access requests, including for U.S. fresh blueberry producers.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. We look forward to working with you to support blueberry producers in our states and districts and ensure consumers worldwide have access to high-quality American blueberries.

Sincerely,



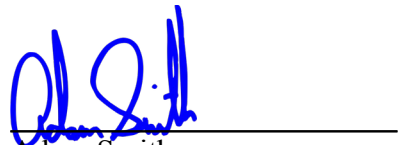
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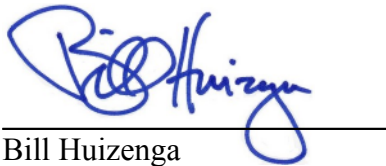
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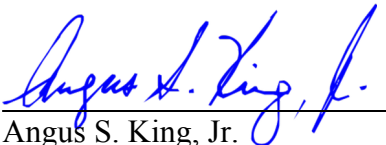
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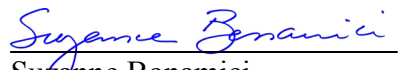
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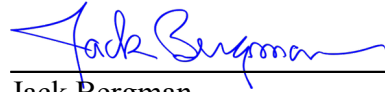
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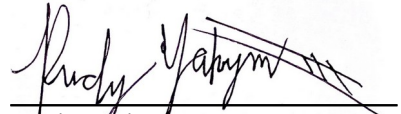
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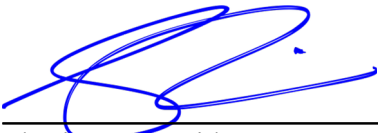
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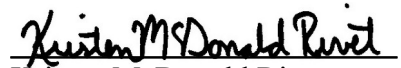
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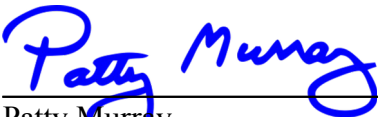
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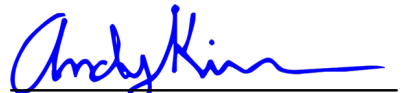
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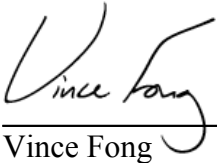
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Vince Fong
Member of Congress