

## Write to your MSP and MP and #CallTimeOnTariffs

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2. Find the contact details of your MP by searching your postcode [here](#).
3. Your local MSP/MP is displayed, click their name.
4. Copy and paste the suggested letter below – please adapt, as necessary.
5. Provide your full name and address – needed when contacting MSPs/MPs.
6. Send the letter to your MSP/MP via email.
7. Tell us you have emailed your MSP/MP by emailing [admin@scottishchambers.org.uk](mailto:admin@scottishchambers.org.uk), so we keep you in touch with our campaign to end tariffs.

We have drafted a suggested letter to send to your local MSP/MP below. Contacting them is easy and only takes a couple of minutes.

Dear <insert name of local MP/MSP>,

### Call Time on Tariffs!

As you may be aware, Scottish businesses have been absorbing unfair tariffs on our exports to the USA by an increase of 25% to our costs because of the EU Trade Dispute with the USA. This additional tax, which has been in place since October 2019, is having a dramatic effect on our products and services which we provide to our American counterparts.

The USA is Scotland's top international export destination worth £5.5 billion in 2018 and making up 16.3% of Scotland's total global exports. This highlights how important and valued a trade partner the USA is to Scotland.

While we welcome the progression of the negotiations which are taking place to produce a Free Trade Agreement between the UK/USA, unfortunately, these tariffs remain in place, with millions being lost in exports every month. Time is running out for the UK and Scottish Government to have these tariffs removed to safeguard future Scottish jobs and Scotland's export capability.

We understand the USA is reviewing these tariffs with the possibility they could increase even further, which could have a long-term threat to the many industries which export, impacting on our jobs and livelihoods.

We need both the UK and Scottish Government's to act now to work with the USA Government to have these tariffs removed as a matter of urgency before irreparable damage is caused to iconic and globally respected Scottish exports. Trade disputes between the EU and US on steel, aluminium and aerospace have nothing to do with Scottish produce. Yet our businesses are paying the price every day and further risking job security.

(Insert Chamber) alongside our wider Scottish Chambers of Commerce network are asking the UK and Scottish Government to **#CallTimeOnTariffs**.



As my local **MSP/MP**, I am asking you to write to the Secretary of State for International Trade, Liz Truss, to raise this issue directly on behalf of the Scottish business community and ask her to ensure that tariffs on Scottish produce are rapidly removed.

I hope we can count on you to help the Government Call Time on Tariffs!

Yours sincerely,

**[first name, second name]**

**[full postal address]**