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WCIT Responds to Trump Administration's Tariff Announcement on Steel and Aluminium

SEATTLE – “The Washington Council on International Trade strongly disagrees with the Administration’s tariff announcement on steel and aluminum. Tariffs will negatively impact Washington state companies and consumers alike by driving up prices of goods and inviting retaliation against Washington state exports and investment. Forty percent of jobs in Washington are trade-related. In Washington state, we depend on our global competitiveness. Trade – both exports and imports – paves the way for Washington-made goods and services to reach foreign markets, provides Washingtonians with products that raise our quality of life, and sustains family-wage jobs in numerous local industries. These proposed tariffs will undermine Washington state jobs and prosperity,” says Lori Otto Punke, President of WCIT.

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About the Washington Council on International Trade

WCIT is the only organization in Washington dedicated exclusively to advocating for public policies that increase our state's international competitiveness. On behalf of its members — manufacturers, farmers, retailers and service providers – WCIT advocates for trade policies and investments that benefit Washington's workers and employers.

- **Evaluate** and share objective data on the impact of trade policies on Washington’s economy
- **Educate** our local, state and federal elected officials about the benefits of strong international trade policies and investments to Washington employers and residents
- **Engage** diverse stakeholders from across the state – including manufacturers, retailers, farmers and service providers - to drive policy changes that help them succeed in the global marketplace

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