



Washington Council on  
International Trade

## Impacts of China Trade Dispute Ripple Across Washington State: Report

New Research Highlights Implications for Washington State

SEATTLE, February 15 -- Washington state has a long history of close trade relations with China that have benefited both sides. In virtually every county and congressional district, Washington workers and businesses rely on China as a market for their exports and as a supplier of products and raw materials.

As negotiators from the U.S. and China meet this week in Beijing to try to hammer out a trade agreement that will ease tensions between the two countries, the Washington Council on International Trade (WCIT) [is releasing a new report that details the many industries and regions in Washington state that have a major stake in the outcome.](#)

The study provides county-by-county and district-by-district analysis of Washington's trade ties with China.

*"From cherry growers in the Yakima Valley to cargo handlers at the Port of Olympia, hundreds of employers in Washington state are anxious to see a successful resolution to the trade negotiations with China,"* said WCIT President Lori Otto Punke.

*"The on-going trade dispute has presented a unique opportunity to encourage the Chinese to make much needed reforms in areas such as market access and intellectual property,"* added Punke. *"At the same time, high tariffs carry hefty costs for Washington consumers and businesses, so we hope an agreement is reached soon."*

[A full copy of our new report can be downloaded here.](#)

### ABOUT WASHINGTON COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

On behalf of our members – manufacturers, farmers, retailers, service providers and non-profits – the Washington Council on International Trade advocates for pro-trade policies and investments that benefit Washington's workers and employers. Trade 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. To learn more, visit us at <http://www.wcit.org>.

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