

# U.S. Rep. Kind: Bipartisan House coalition introduces tariff legislation

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*Seeks to Reassert Congressional Authority on Tariffs*

**Washington, D.C.** – Today Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI), joined by his colleagues Reps. Ron Kind (D-WI), Mark Sanford (R-SC), Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), Leonard Lance (R-NJ), and Ryan Costello (R-PA) introduced legislation that would require the president to submit to Congress any proposal to adjust imports in the interest of national security under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.

Under the bill, Members of Congress would have a 60-day period following submission to review the president's proposal. Any legislation to approve the proposal will qualify for expedited consideration in both chambers. The requirement would apply to all future Section 232 actions, in addition to those taken in the last two years. Click [here](#) for a copy of the legislation.

**Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI):** “Members of Congress have criticized excessive delegation to the executive branch for years, across multiple administrations.” He continued, “The Framers deliberately placed the duty to set trade policy with the Congress, and we cannot shirk that responsibility. We owe it to our constituents to do our jobs and uphold the Constitution, which is why I urge my colleagues to

support this bill and help restore that responsibility to where the Framers first placed it.”

**Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI):** “Wisconsin farmers, workers and families rely on open markets and certainty in global trade to sell our world-renowned products abroad. Unfortunately, the administration is putting misguided policies ahead of the success of Wisconsinites, under dubious legal justification and threatening American standing abroad.” He continued, “Trade authorities clearly belong to Congress – as explicitly stated in the Constitution – and I strongly encourage my colleagues to step up and take their role in leveling the playing field seriously. The answers to these problems won’t come from the President or Congress alone. We need to work together to ensure Americans have an equal shot at success in the global market.”

**Rep. Mark Sanford (R-SC):** “Almost 580,000 jobs in South Carolina are tied to trade, and over 6,000 companies export goods globally from the state. This means that any federal policy affecting trade – like tariffs – will have a huge impact. But whether you want more tariffs or no tariffs, the Constitution is explicit in granting Congress the power to decide these matters. Yet, over the years, this power has eroded in congressional hands and strengthened in executive ones. This bill would simply help Congress to reassert its constitutional authority over tariffs proposed under Section 232.”

**Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA):** “Congress must effectively execute its national security and trade oversight authorities. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation advances that goal.” He continued, “The Administration’s policies and tariffs are negatively impacting American industries and consumers, including the central coast of California’s \$5 billion agriculture economy. By reaffirming the role of Congress, this legislation protects our farmers, ranchers, and consumers from unnecessary trade wars.”

**Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ):** “In global trade wars, the only casualties are American jobs and American consumers. This legislation will bring a much-needed constitutional balance to our U.S. trade policies by requiring congressional approval of all tariffs designated under Section 232 to ensure proper oversight and prudence at the intersection of trade and national security.”

**Rep. Ryan Costello (R-PA):** “This legislation would uphold Congress’ Article I authority regarding trade. Further, it would send a strong signal to Pennsylvania workers and families that Congress is committed to supporting American jobs and a

strong economy.”

**A letter from more than 270 national, state, and local U.S. business organizations sent to the Senate in support of Sen. Corker’s legislation reads:** “Article I of the Constitution assigns the Congress exclusive authority to regulate foreign trade and levy taxes, including tariffs. [T]he current circumstances highlight the need for Congress to ensure that the authority will be used, as intended by the Congress, in the overall national interest.”

**Below is the list of the 270+ business and agricultural groups that have announced their support for the Senate bill:**

Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers  
American Apparel & Footwear Association  
American Association of Exporters and Importers  
American Bakers Association  
American Chemistry Council  
American Feed Industry Association  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Gear Manufacturers Association  
American International Automobile Dealers Association  
American Petroleum Institute  
American Trucking Associations  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Association of American Railroads  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Association of Global Automakers  
Auto Care Association  
Business Roundtable  
Coalition for GSP  
Coalition of American Metal Manufacturers and Users  
Computer & Communications Industry Association  
Council for Responsible Nutrition  
Electronic Transactions Association  
Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance  
Federation of American Hospitals  
Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Household & Commercial Products Association

Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association  
International Wood Products Association  
Internet Association  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Beer Wholesalers Association  
National Confectioners Association  
National Foreign Trade Council  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Retail Federation  
Organization for International Investment  
Personal Care Products Council  
Pet Food Institute  
Plastics Industry Association  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
SEMI  
Software & Information Industry Association  
The Hardwood Federation  
The Toy Association  
Transportation Intermediaries Association  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
U.S. Fashion Industry Association  
U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association  
Vinyl Institute  
WineAmerica  
Alaska Chamber  
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce  
Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce  
Ames Chamber of Commerce  
Archbold Area Chamber of Commerce  
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/Associated Industries of Arkansas  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Association of Washington Business  
Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Baton Rouge Area Chamber  
Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce  
Billings Chamber of Commerce

Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Blackwell Industrial Authority  
Boise Metro Chamber  
Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce  
Border Trade Alliance  
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce  
Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Buffalo Niagara Partnership  
Bunn Properties  
Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire  
Business Council of Alabama  
Caldwell Chamber of Commerce  
Camarillo Chamber of Commerce  
Campbell County Chamber of Commerce  
Capital Region Chamber  
Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance  
Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce  
Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg  
Chamber of Commerce Hawaii  
Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama  
Chamber Southwest Louisiana  
Chamber630  
ChamberWest Chamber of Commerce  
Chandler Chamber of Commerce  
Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry  
Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry  
Colorado Business Roundtable  
Colorado Competitive Council  
Colorado Farm Bureau  
Columbia Chamber of Commerce  
Commerce Lexington Inc.  
Connecticut Business & Industry Association  
Council of the Great Lakes Region  
Davis Chamber of Commerce  
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Daytona Regional Chamber

Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce  
Detroit Regional Chamber  
Dinuba Chamber of Commerce  
Economic Alliance Snohomish County  
Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce  
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association  
Fayette Area Chamber of Commerce  
Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce  
Ferndale Chamber of Commerce  
Florida Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc  
Gemini Shippers Association  
Georgia Chamber of Commerce  
Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Des Moines Partnership  
Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Houston LGBT Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Memphis Chamber  
Greater Mission Chamber of Commerce  
Greater New Orleans, Inc.  
Greater North Dakota Chamber  
Greater OKC Chamber  
Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Phoenix Chamber  
Greater Reading Chamber Alliance  
Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Spokane Incorporated  
Greenville Chamber  
Harford County Chamber of Commerce  
Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC  
Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce

Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce  
Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce  
Hudson County Chamber of Commerce  
Imaging Supplies Coalition (ISC)  
Indiana Chamber of Commerce  
Indy Chamber  
International Association of Drilling Contractors  
Iowa Association of Business and Industry  
Iowa Chamber Alliance  
Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce  
Jackson County Chamber of Commerce  
Jerome 20/20, Inc.  
Johnson City/Jonesborough/Wash. County Chamber of Commerce  
Kalispell Chamber of Commerce  
Kansas Chamber  
Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce  
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Kingsport Chamber of Commerce  
La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce  
La Pine Chamber Of Commerce  
Lancaster Chamber  
Laredo Chamber of Commerce  
Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce  
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce  
Longview Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce  
Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce  
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce  
Maine State Chamber of Commerce  
Marana Chamber of Commerce  
Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce  
Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce  
Maryland Chamber of Commerce  
Massachusetts Package Stores Association  
McAllen Chamber of Commerce  
Meade County Chamber of Commerce  
Metro Atlanta Chamber

Metro South Chamber of Commerce  
Michigan City Chamber of Commerce  
Minneapolis Regional Chamber  
Mississippi Economic Council - The State Chamber of Commerce  
Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce  
Monroe Chamber of Commerce  
Montana Chamber of Commerce  
Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce  
Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce  
National Tooling and Machining Association  
New Orleans Chamber of Commerce  
North Carolina Chamber  
North Country Chamber of Commerce  
North Orange County Chamber of Commerce  
North San Antonio Chamber  
North San Diego Business Chamber  
North Texas Commission  
North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce  
Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Ohio Chamber of Commerce  
Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce  
Overland Park Chamber of Commerce  
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce  
Pasadena Chamber of Commerce  
Pasco Chamber of Commerce  
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
Perry County Chamber of Commerce, LLC  
Plano Chamber of Commerce  
Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Precision Machined Products Association  
Precision Metalforming Association  
Regional Chamber of Commerce San Gabriel  
Valley Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce  
Rolling Meadows Chamber

Salt Lake Chamber  
San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce  
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce  
Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Selma and Dallas County Chamber of Commerce  
Shiawasse Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce  
South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce  
South Bend Regional Chamber  
South County Chamber of Commerce  
Southwest California Legislative Council  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Spencer County Regional Chamber of Commerce  
St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce Stanly County Chamber of Commerce  
State Chamber of Oklahoma  
Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber  
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, INC  
The Business Council of New York State  
The Chamber Grand Forks East Grand Forks  
The Chamber of Lawrence Kansas  
The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County  
The Chamber of the Santa Barbara Region  
The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce  
The Home Furnishings Association  
The San Antonio Chamber of Commerce  
The Silicon Valley Organization  
The United Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce  
Travel Goods Association  
Traverse City (MI) Area Chamber of Commerce  
Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association  
Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Tucson Metro Chamber  
Tulsa Regional Chamber  
TwinWest Chamber of Commerce  
Union County, KY Chamber of Commerce  
United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce  
United States Council for International Business  
Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce  
Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce  
Washington Retail Association  
West Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce  
White Pine Chamber of Commerce  
Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce  
York County Economic Alliance  
Yuma County Chamber of Commerce