



*Maine State Legislature
Augusta, Maine 04333*

June 21, 2018

The Honorable Susan Collins
The Honorable Angus King
The Honorable Chellie Pingree
The Honorable Bruce Poliquin
United State Congress
Washington, DC

Dear Maine Congressional Delegation:

We, a bipartisan group of lawmakers in the 128th Maine Legislature, ask that you advocate in the strongest possible terms to address the economic damage that will inevitably occur through the targeting of Maine lobster in a trade war with China. China is one of our largest and most important markets for Maine lobster meat.

Retaliatory tariffs proposed on lobster meat imported to China from Maine, the nation's largest lobster-producing state, will do great harm to our state. Our \$1.5 billion lobster industry is critical to our state's economy.

This punitive action puts at risk the livelihoods of the many thousands of lobster men and women and the many thousands more who work in lobster-related industries, all of whom depend on their work in the industry to support their families. Whole coastal communities will be devastated. The economic hardship that will result must be prevented.

We appreciate that you have raised the issue with the United States Trade Representative. We respectfully request that you continue that effort and take every additional step necessary to address this tariff proposal that would devastate our lobster and related industries.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, continued commitment to Maine's coastal communities and support of our lobster industry.

Sincerely,



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State Representative, Harpswell



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Speaker of the House, Freeport



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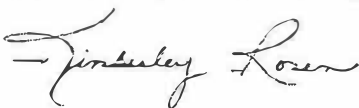
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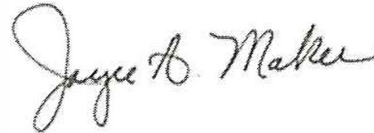
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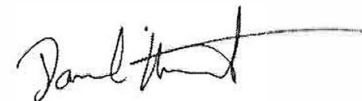
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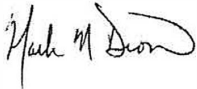
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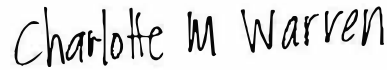
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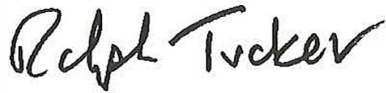
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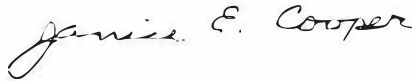
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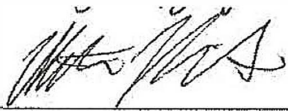
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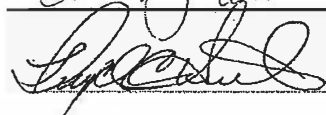
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