

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 30, 2025

The Honorable Jamieson Greer
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Greer,

We write to urge you to prioritize American pecan producers in ongoing trade negotiations with India and to extend the deadline for trade talks with India. Our states – New Mexico, Texas, and Georgia – are home to the world's top pecan producers, and growers across our districts are counting on strong export opportunities to sustain their operations. Without action to lower trade barriers and finalize access for U.S. pecans in the Indian market, this vital industry will face unnecessary setbacks.

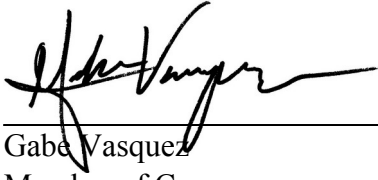
We must ensure that American producers have access to the world market. India is one of the fastest-growing markets for American pecans. In 2022, the U.S. exported more than \$1.3 million worth of pecans to India, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) 's Foreign Agricultural Service projects that figure could rise to \$5 million annually. While India's decision to reduce tariffs from 100% to 30% was a positive step, this rate remains prohibitively high and continues to stifle the full potential of this emerging export market.

We urge you and the Trump Administration to make the pecan industry a central part of the ongoing U.S.-India trade discussions. This includes pushing for further tariff reductions, finalizing access for in-shell pecans, and working closely with USDA to expedite the Pest Risk Analysis process required to obtain a Phytosanitary Certificate. These actions are critical to ensuring fair market access for an industry that accounts for 80% of global pecan production and exports nearly 30% of its crop.

We also request that you and the Administration support an extension of the August 1 deadline to allow more time to reach an agreement. Our pecan growers are already navigating drought, labor shortages, and high input costs. The threat of further retaliatory tariffs would be devastating. A rushed or incomplete deal risks leaving this sector behind at a time when global demand for pecans is projected to grow substantially, with the global pecan market expected to reach \$3.64 billion by 2034.

Pecan producers in New Mexico, Texas, Georgia, and across the country are ready to meet this growing demand. They need fair access to international markets and a trade agenda that reflects the economic importance of this crop. We urge you to ensure that the pecan industry remains a central part of our trade agenda with India and to take the necessary steps to support the success of American producers.

Sincerely,



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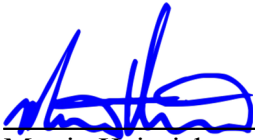
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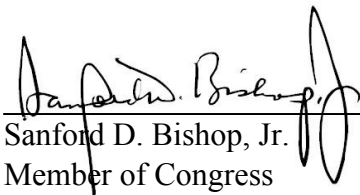
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