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Members of the United States Congress  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Members of Congress

On behalf of the Louisiana Shrimp Association, I am writing to respectfully request your support for the full reauthorization and funding of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program and for swift advancement of the Trade Modernization Act.

On March 4, 2026, Representative Linda Sánchez introduced legislation to reauthorize and modernize the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program. This bill is an important step toward restoring support for workers and industries that have been harmed by unfair foreign trade practices, and it offers a renewed opportunity for communities like ours to seek relief if the program is reauthorized.

Shrimp harvesters and coastal workers across Louisiana and the Gulf Coast have suffered significant economic injury due to unfair foreign trade practices and the continued surge of low-priced imported seafood. These pressures have reduced incomes, eliminated work opportunities, and placed long-standing family businesses at risk. While other industries have historically relied on TAA to help displaced workers retrain and recover, our seafood harvesters have been left without access to these same tools since the program's expiration.

As Congress considers reauthorization, we respectfully ask that you ensure the shrimp industry is fully eligible for support under TAA wherever it meets the statutory criteria. Our workers face some of the most intense import competition in the nation, and they deserve equal access to the assistance provided to other sectors harmed by foreign trade. Inclusion in this program would offer critical training, income support, and reemployment resources to workers who have been directly impacted by import-driven market disruptions.

We also urge your support for the Trade Modernization Act, which strengthens enforcement and improves transparency in trade practices. These reforms are essential to protecting American workers and ensuring that domestic seafood harvesters are not disadvantaged by outdated or ineffective trade policies.

We appreciate your attention to this urgent matter and your continued service to the people of our state. Our coastal communities are depending on meaningful action to stabilize the domestic shrimp industry and protect the future of American-caught seafood.

Sincerely,  
*Acy Cooper*

President, Louisiana Shrimp Association