

Support Reauthorization of the Generalized System of Preferences Program

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Dear Colleague,

Please join me in signing onto a letter to Chairman Kevin Brady and Ranking Member Richard Neal of the Ways and Means Committee. On December 31, 2017, the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Program is set to expire and must be reauthorized. GSP eliminates US import tariffs on non-sensitive products imported from more than 120 developing countries . These tariffs would ultimately be paid by American manufacturers, farmers, and consumers if GSP expires.

GSP eliminated around \$730 million in taxes in 2016 alone. Most of these GSP imports were materials, components, and machinery that help American manufacturers and workers compete in today's modern economy. GSP lowers costs for American consumers as well. These products are often not available in the US and access to competition only helps US markets.

GSP also plays a role in promoting good work policies abroad. Participating countries are encouraged to improve labor practices, protect intellectual property rights, treat American investors fairly, avoid child labor, and helps open their markets to US goods.

Since 1976, GSP has been reauthorized with bicameral and bipartisan support consistently. Failure to reauthorize GSP before expiration will hurt US workers, manufacturers and consumers. If you have any questions or would like to cosign please contact Logan McVey (Logan.McVey@mail.house.gov) in Congressman Ralph Norman's office or Rachel Kelly (Rachel.Kelly@mail.house.gov) in Congressman Jim Himes' office. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ralph Norman

Member of Congress