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Dear Members of Congress,

After the elections of May this year, the ninth legislature of the European Parliament has taken up its duties and our parliamentary activities are now in full swing. Like our predecessors before us, we very much look forward to working with you, our transatlantic colleagues, to address shared global challenges.

One of those challenges - we believe - are current developments in international trade. With countries such as China increasingly moving against existing trade rules, it is essential that liberal democracies work together. Only then can we ensure that our multilateral trade system is fit for the 21st century and works for our citizens. We are concerned about the consequences the WTO rulings in both the Airbus and Boeing cases are likely to have on American and European tariffs. The mutual imposition of tariffs can only be described as a lose-lose situation and would not only harm consumers and businesses on both sides of the Atlantic, but also lead to further fragmentation rather than much needed cooperation. European trade commissioner Cecilia Malmström has undertaken several attempts to find a negotiated settlement to the Airbus and Boeing cases but was met with little to no engagement from her counterparts in Washington D.C.

Trade wars know no winners and in these challenging times, our transatlantic partnership should be strengthened, rather than undermined. Therefore, we urge you to make use of the traditional powers the US congress has when it comes to regulating international trade and to work with us, both within and outside the framework of the Transatlantic Legislator's Dialogue to avoid further negative developments in our trade relations. Together we can reform the multilateral trading system and enjoy its benefits to its full extent on both sides of the Atlantic.

Yours faithfully,

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