

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

Two out of three Americans enjoy a cup of coffee every day.¹ But recent tariff measures have forced them to pay 26 percent more for their morning cup of coffee.² We respectfully request you exempt coffee from reciprocal tariff measures that are drastically increasing its price.

Coffee does not have a viable large-scale domestic alternative. Though Hawai‘i and Puerto Rico grow small quantities of specialty coffee, domestic production accounts for less than 1 percent of all the coffee consumed by Americans. Tariffs on coffee do not protect domestic businesses and interests—they only raise costs and amount to an additional tax on American consumers. It is not practical to tariff a product that our nation does not meaningfully produce.

In light of these facts, we respectfully request your administration exempt coffee from reciprocal tariff measures that are drastically increasing its price. The administration can do this by adding coffee (both green beans, as well as roasted and ground products) to Annex II of Executive Order 14257.³ Given that our nation consumes around 400 million cups per day, this action is one modest but meaningful way to help the American people.

Sincerely,



Ro Khanna
Member of Congress



Don Bacon
Member of Congress

¹ National Coffee Association. (April 15, 2025). More Americans drink coffee each day than any other beverage, bottled water back in second place. <https://www.ncausa.org/Newsroom/More-Americans-Drink-Coffee-Each-Day-Than-Any-Other-Beverage-Bottled-Water-Back-in-Second-Place>

² St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank. (2025, September 11). *Average price: Coffee, 100%, ground roast, all sizes (cost per pound/453.6 grams) in U.S. city average*. <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/APU0000717311>

³ The White House. (2025, September 6). *Modifying the scope of reciprocal tariffs and establishing procedures for implementing trade and security agreements*. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/09/modifying-the-scope-of-reciprocal-tariffs-and-establishing-procedures-for-implementing-trade-and-security-agreements/>