

Protect Wisconsin Farmers from Trump Tariffs

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Wisconsin lost nearly 700 dairy farms last year as President Trump escalated his trade war. We should be supporting our local farmers and helping them to compete on a level playing field instead.

MADISON, WI – President Trump’s decision to engage in a trade war has resulted in unfair tariffs placed on Wisconsin-made products including cheese, cranberries, pork, ginseng, soybeans, and potatoes. The economic chaos caused by President Trump has had a devastating impact on local communities across Wisconsin and the Midwest.

Last Thursday, Senate Democratic Leader Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse), Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) and Legislative Democrats sent a letter urging U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to take urgent action to protect Wisconsin farmers, manufacturers, and working families. No Legislative Republicans signed onto the letter.



“Our local farm families are the backbone of communities across Wisconsin but President Trump’s trade war is making it impossible for many to stay afloat,” said Shilling. “Rather than closing markets and eliminating trade opportunities, we should be supporting our local farmers and helping them to compete on a level playing field.”

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