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Dear Chairman Smith, Ranking Member Neal, Chairman Crapo, and Ranking Member Wyden:

We are writing on behalf of the farmers, ranchers, energy producers, and front-line responders who rely on off-road working vehicles to carry out their responsibilities. The American workers who keep food on our tables and power in our homes are increasingly unable to afford additional expenses. President Trump and his Administration have taken steps to ease these pressures; however, there is more they can do to show their support for the people who keep America running. A straightforward step that leaders in Washington can take right now is to fully and permanently eliminate Section 232 metal tariffs on off-road working vehicles.

Section 232 steel tariffs on off-road working vehicles (all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility task vehicles (UTVs)) are assessed against their full customs value of the vehicles rather than against their metal content.¹²³ For a machine built around a modest quantity of steel, the result is a duty far larger than the metal it was written to capture. The added cost can reach \$5,000 for a single off-road working vehicle, further compounded by higher repair and maintenance costs stemming from metal tariffs on the parts used for these vehicles. America's agriculture and energy producers operating aging equipment, managing a constrained repair budget, and delaying maintenance cannot reasonably absorb additional cost pressures. In such cases, essential upgrades or replacements are deferred, increasing the likelihood of operational downtime across the systems that support the nation's food supply, energy systems, and emergency response agencies.

On farms, these vehicles help herd livestock, transport tools and repair parts between fields, and cross ground a pickup truck cannot. These are working assets, as essential to a modern operation as a tractor or a pickup truck, but the tariff schedule does not yet reflect that. On top of tariff-

¹ Proclamation 11021 of Apr. 2, 2026, Strengthening Actions Taken To Adjust Imports of Aluminum, Steel, and Copper Into the United States, 91 Fed. Reg. 18201 (duties apply to the full customs value of the imported product, regardless of metal content), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2026/04/strengthening-actions-taken-to-adjust-imports-of-aluminum-steel-and-copper-into-the-united-states/>.

² HTS Code 8703.21.01.

³ HTS Code 8703.10.50.

related pressures, 60%⁴ of farmers report their finances have worsened this year due to rising fertilizer and fuel costs, and \$4 billion⁵ is the expected decline of net farm income in 2026. Farmers need meaningful support as the agriculture sector faces mounting headwinds, and targeted tariff relief is one of the fastest ways to deliver it.

Taking action to adjust the current tariff regime and address the rising price of off-road working vehicles would deliver tangible financial relief. Motorcycles and e-bikes have already been granted relief from these tariffs. The off-road working vehicles that America's farmers, ranchers, energy producers, and front-line responders depend on every day deserve the same treatment.

A tariff intended to support domestic metals production was not designed to function as a several-thousand-dollar cost increase on essential equipment used in key industry operations. As congressional leaders, we urge you and your colleagues to advance permanent tariff relief targeted to off-road working vehicles. Full relief for off-road working vehicles maintains the tariff's core protections for U.S. metals production while preventing unintended burdens on the equipment relied upon across critical sectors of the economy.

Respectfully,
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⁴ Marco Quiroz-Gutierrez, "The Iran war's fertilizer shock is hammering American farmers, and 70% can't afford what they need for this year's growing season," *Fortune*, April 16, 2026, <https://fortune.com/2026/04/16/iran-war-fertilizer-prices-skyrocketing-economy-agriculture-american-farmers-donald-trump/>.

⁵ U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service. Farm Sector Income & Finances: Farm Sector Income Forecast. Updated September 3, 2026. <https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/farm-economy/farm-sector-income-finances/farm-sector-income-forecast>.