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The Honorable David S. Johanson
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United States International Trade Commission
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Dear Chairman Johanson:

Pursuant to section 202(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. § 2252(b)(1)), I request that the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) promptly initiate an investigation under section 202 of the Trade Act to determine whether lamb meat is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industry producing like or directly competitive products. For the purposes of this request, lamb meat is defined as fresh, chilled, or frozen lamb meat. Excluded from the scope of this request are imports of live lambs and sheep and meat of mature sheep (mutton). Imports of lamb meat may enter under the following subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS): 0204.10.00, 0204.21.00, 0204.22.20, 0204.22.40, 0204.23.20, 0204.23.40, 0204.30.00, 0204.41.00, 0204.42.20, 0204.42.40, 0204.43.20, and 0204.43.40. While these HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience, the written description of the scope above is dispositive.

U.S. import statistics indicate that lamb meat imports, which are sourced in major quantities from multiple countries, have increased in recent years. Available information suggests that these imports resulted in domestic industry lost sales, revenues, and market share as imported lamb meat significantly undersold the domestic like product. Moreover, recent information suggests that firms have exited the domestic industry entirely, and there have been domestic industry job losses, decreased capacity utilization rates, and struggles to maintain profitability.

Please be advised that if the Commission makes an affirmative determination under section 202(b)(1)(A) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. § 2251(b)(1)(a)), or a determination that the President may consider to be affirmative under section 330(d)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1330(d)(1)), then pursuant to authority delegated from the President I may request additional information from the Commission under section 203(a)(5) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. § 2253(a)(5)). In particular, if the Commission also makes a negative finding under section 301 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. § 4551) with respect to lamb meat imports from Canada or Mexico or both, I may request the Commission to

report on whether increased imports of such product from all sources other than Canada or Mexico, or both, are a substantial cause of serious injury or threat of serious injury to the domestic industry. I may also request similar reporting for other comprehensive trade agreement partners, consistent with U.S. law. In addition, I may request the Commission to identify any unforeseen developments and the effect of the obligations incurred under the WTO Agreement that led to such product being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industry.

I appreciate your investigatory efforts in response to this request and look forward to receiving the Commission's report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamieson Greer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the last name.

Ambassador Jamieson L. Greer
United States Trade Representative