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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

President Trump,

Sir, the continued influx of illegal seafood dumped into the United States, specifically shrimp and crawfish imports from China, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, and Vietnam is a threat to American producers. As a member of Congress representing Gulf Coast communities, I have witnessed firsthand the cultural and economic importance of America's seafood and aquaculture industries and the profound negative impact that unfair trade practices have on coastal economies across our nation.

Domestic shrimpers, fishermen, and crawfish producers in Louisiana and across the country face significant challenges competing against foreign seafood industries that are heavily subsidized and engage in illegal dumping into the United States. These unrighteous trade practices artificially drive down prices, disrupt fair market conditions, and threaten the livelihoods of hardworking American seafood producers. Without strong and consistent intervention, our seafood industry will remain vulnerable to these illegal trade tactics that erode the competitive market.

I respectfully urge your administration to use all available enforcement tools, such as imposing antidumping and countervailing duties (AD/CVD), implementing stricter testing protocols, and taking decisive actions, including levying tariffs of up to 100% or destroying shipments that fail to meet U.S. health standards, to ensure a level playing field for American producers. Implementing these measures will protect the competitiveness and integrity of our domestic market and help the economy and culture of our coastal communities.

Mr. President, I respectfully request that you and your administration act expeditiously to protect America's seafood industry by utilizing tariffs and trade enforcement actions. Doing so will extend a lifeline to coastal states at risk of losing vital industry and economic engines. I thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to working with you and your administration to put America's seafood producers first.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins".

Clay Higgins  
Member of Congress