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

President Trump,

Sir, I appreciate your efforts to strengthen the United States economy by improving our domestic production capabilities and ensuring legal and fair-trade practices with countries worldwide. As you continue these negotiations, I encourage you to maintain significant tariffs on nations that participate in dumping activities and unjust trade practices, which injure American industry.

Specifically, U.S. rice producers are facing market challenges as a result of trade actions from Thailand. Jasmine and other long-grain rice have been particularly impacted. American rice farmers and mills contribute more than \$34 billion to the U.S. economy through jobs, investment, sales, etc., to produce and process the highest-quality and safest rice in the world. However, American rice producers are being displaced by heavily subsidized rice from foreign producers. Imports of rice into the U.S. have also doubled in the last decade, but Thailand has remained the largest culprit of subsidized rice dumping into the United States, amassing over half the metric tons of all rice imports. This flood of Thai rice has displaced one-for-one purchases from American rice mills and has artificially depressed prices for our farmers.

Until legal and fair-trade practices from Thailand and other countries occur, I respectfully urge your administration to use tools at your disposal, including levying tariffs up to 100% on all Thai rice imports to help encourage a level playing field for American rice farmers and processors.

I respectfully request that you and your administration act quickly to protect America's industries and, especially, ensure that we keep our food home-grown. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to working with you and your administration to put America first.

Respectfully,

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

Clay Higgins  
Member of Congress