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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

#### NOTIFICATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTENT TO ENTER INTO A TRADE AGREEMENT REGARDING TARIFF BARRIERS WITH JAPAN—PM 29

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

On October 16, 2018, my Administration notified the Congress that I intended to initiate trade negotiations with Japan on a United States-Japan Trade Agreement. As stated in that notification and subsequent consultations with the Congress, my Administration proposed pursuing negotiations with Japan in stages. I am pleased to report that my Administration has reached an initial trade agreement regarding tariff barriers (the “agreement”) with Japan and I intend to enter into the agreement in the coming weeks.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 103(a)(2) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-26, Title I) (the “Act”), I hereby notify the Congress that I intend to enter into a trade agreement regarding tariff barriers with Japan under section 103(a) of the Act.

In addition, I also will be entering into an Executive Agreement with Japan regarding digital trade.

My Administration looks forward to continued collaboration with the Congress on further negotiations with Japan to achieve a comprehensive trade agreement that results in more fair and reciprocal trade between the United States and Japan.

DONALD J. TRUMP,

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 16, 2019.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2558. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs” (RIN0560-AI45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2559. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled “Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Increased Assessment Rate” ((7 CFR Part 985) (Docket No. AMS-SC-19-0026)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2560. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reorganization and Transfer of Regulations” ((7 CFR Part 735) (Docket No. AMS-FGIS-18-0073 FR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2561. A communication from the Chief of the Army Privacy Office, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “The Army Privacy Program” ((RIN0702-AB03) (32 CFR Part 505)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2562. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program” (RIN0790-AJ40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2563. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2564. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was originally declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2565. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2566. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Fiscal Year 2018 Methane Hydrate Program”; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2567. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; California; South Coast Air Quality Management District; Stationary Source Permits” (FRL No. 9997-16-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2568. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Revisions to Nox SIP Call and CAIR Rules” (FRL No. 9999-47-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2569. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Findings of Failure to Submit State

Implementation Plans Required for Attainment of the 2010 1-Hour Primary Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)” (FRL No. 9999-85-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2570. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Relaxation of the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) Gasoline Volatility Standard for the Atlanta RVP Area” (FRL No. 9999-87-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2571. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Integral Combustion Engines; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule” (FRL No. 9999-86-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2572. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revenue Procedure Providing Guidance for Making Late Elections or Revoking an Election under Certain Provisions of Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code” (Rev. Proc. 2019-33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2573. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Method Change Procedures Accompanying the Section 451 NPRMs” (Rev. Proc. 2019-37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2574. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Tax Liability” (Rev. Proc. 2019-36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2575. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms parts and components abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions Lists of M16A4 upgrade kits to Thailand in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-008); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2576. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “National Health Service Corps Report to Congress for the Year 2018”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2577. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of Certain Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas” (RIN3206-AN87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.