



The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member
Senate Finance Committee
Washington DC, 20510

February 24, 2021

Dear Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo,

On behalf of Outdoor Industry Association (OIA), I am writing to offer our strong support for the nomination of Katherine Tai to serve as the United States Trade Representative. Ms. Tai's legal and technical expertise, along with a record of bipartisan accomplishments, make her well qualified to serve in this critical position. This role is particularly important given the turbulence in U.S. trade relations and the challenging economic times confronting U.S. businesses and workers.

OIA is the trade association for 1,200 companies across the United States, including suppliers, manufacturers, and retailers of outdoor products. The outdoor recreation economy generates more than \$788 billion in consumer spending and accounts for 5.2 million American jobs in the United States. Our members produce some of the most innovative outdoor consumer products that reach all corners of the globe, enriching people's lives by supporting healthy and active lifestyles.

OIA embraces a balanced trade agenda: We support policies to help our domestic manufacturers compete in a global economy, and we advocate for the elimination of import tariffs on outdoor products that have no viable domestic production. Ultimately, our goal for all outdoor companies is a stable and predictable federal trade policy that helps our members compete, lowers costs and creates jobs.. This approach enables our members to continuously provide innovative, sustainable, durable and technically sophisticated outdoor gear.

Over the past few years, outdoor companies, from importers to domestic manufacturers alike, have had to deal with a series of threats to their supply chains, including punitive tariffs and the covid-19 pandemic. We look forward to working with Ms. Tai and the Biden administration to help outdoor companies turn the corner, take advantage of a surge in interest in outdoor recreation and do what they do best: develop and bring to market innovative outdoor apparel, footwear and equipment to enhance the outdoor experience.



We appreciate your consideration of our strong support for Ms. Tai's nomination and look forward to her confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lise Aangeenbrug".

Lise Aangeenbrug
Executive Director
Outdoor Industry Association