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The Honorable Scott Bessent
Secretary of the Treasury
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Bessent:

On behalf of the people of Massachusetts, I demand a refund of \$1,745 to every Massachusetts household for the financial harm caused by President Trump's unconstitutional taxes.

With approximately 2.8 million households in Massachusetts, my office estimates that \$4,886,000,000 is owed to consumers in our state who shouldered the burden of increased costs. I call on the Trump Administration to immediately formulate a plan to refund tariff proceeds and put money back in the pockets of the hardworking people of Massachusetts.

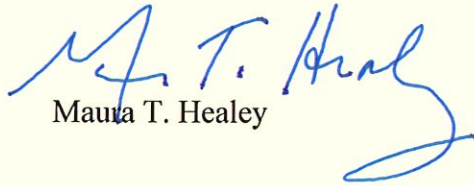
The Supreme Court has now confirmed what we knew all along: President Trump's attempt to bypass Congress and unilaterally raise taxes on the American people was unlawful, reckless, and unconstitutional.

These tariffs wreaked havoc on our economy and increased costs for hardworking families and small businesses across Massachusetts. Data from the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee estimates that the Trump Administration's tariff actions cost American consumers approximately \$1,745 per household between February 2025 and January 2026. From groceries and household goods to construction materials and consumer products, Massachusetts residents paid more at the register and businesses absorbed higher operating costs.

Having unlawfully seized over \$100 billion dollars from American people and businesses, the federal government must immediately take steps to pay full restitution. In fact, a federal court has now ordered the Trump Administration to issue refunds importers – but ordinary consumers need relief too. I urge you to implement a plan that ensures small businesses and families in Massachusetts quickly receive the money they are owed.

I also urge the Trump administration to rethink and rescind the new global tariffs that it has imposed that will once again raise costs on consumers and businesses. It makes no sense to stubbornly continue this failed and unlawful policy that increases costs on everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. T. Healey", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

Maura T. Healey