



THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Sanford D. Bishop Jr.
2407 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bishop:

Thank you for your letter regarding the importance of the Indian market to U.S. pecan growers and the challenges posed by India's tariffs. I also appreciated our conversation a few months ago and the opportunity to directly discuss these issues with you.

As I mentioned during our call, I recognize the Indian market has significant potential for U.S. pecans, especially in light of India's growing middle class and demand for consumer-oriented agricultural products. In my discussions with India's Minister of Commerce and Industry Goyal, we have agreed to work constructively to resolve outstanding bilateral trade irritants – including agricultural issues. As we reengage with India through the U.S.-India Trade Policy Forum, market access – including tariffs, MFN rates, and non-tariff barriers to trade – remains a priority for USTR.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns on these issues affecting U.S. pecan exports. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future about other issues that are of concern to you.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Katherine Tai