



THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Reverend Raphael Warnock
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warnock:

Thank you for your letter regarding India's tariffs on American pecans. I understand the economic importance of the Indian market to U.S. pecan growers and the challenges posed by these tariffs.

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. USTR has raised the issue of pecan tariffs with India consistently for the past several years, including through the U.S.-India Trade Policy Forum – our principal vehicle for engaging India on market access and agricultural issues.

As I prepare to chair a Trade Policy Forum Ministerial later this year alongside India's Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, USTR will continue working to achieve a positive outcome on this issue and other barriers affecting U.S. agricultural exports.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns on the issues affecting U.S. pecan exports. I look forward to continue partnering with you and other Members of Congress to address these important issues. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future about this and other matters of concern.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Katherine Tai