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The Honorable Donald Trump President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

Thank you for your leadership overseeing the nation and the needs of our country. I appreciate the opportunity to work together to support our families in California's Central Valley.

I write today to express my concern regarding tariffs on printed books which would amount to a "Bible tax." The recently proposed tariffs on an additional \$300 billion in Chinese goods, including printed materials, could have significant negative effects on our religious groups, churches, schools, ministries, and nonprofit organizations. As you may know, more than half of the bibles printed in the world originate in China due to the unique paper and technologies required.

If printed books, including Bibles, are not removed from the list of products that could be impacted by tariffs, consumers and religious groups will be forced to pay higher prices for their Bibles. While I do not believe this was an intended policy aim, the outcome would be harmful to our religious communities who rely on these sacred texts. I respectfully request that you reconsider the proposed tariffs for books and Bibles.

Thank you again, President Trump, for your attention to this matter. I hope that we can continue to collaborate to ensure Americans can access and read their Bibles.

Sincerely,

Josh Harder

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