

United States Senate

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The Honorable Howard Lutnick
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230

The Honorable Jamieson Greer
United States Trade Representative
Office of the United States Trade
Representative
600 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Secretary Lutnick and Ambassador Greer:

I write to express serious concerns about the negative impacts of the Trump Administration's trade policies on new parents. Data show that the Administration's chaotic tariff regime has dramatically raised prices on thousands of baby products, creating an unnecessary burden on American families that must be addressed.

A Congressional Joint Economic Committee Minority report shows that new parents in Georgia could face additional costs of up to \$28.3 million on baby products—a \$400 increase per household—due to the Trump Administration's tariffs.¹ From April 1 to June 9, families faced price increases of 24% for strollers, car seats, cribs, high chairs, and baby monitors listed on Amazon. Babylist, a popular baby registry website, noted an average price increase of 17% on its various products in August compared to earlier in the year, with necessities like strollers and car seats facing hikes as high as 30 to 40%.²

As American families suffer the impacts of the Administration's trade policies, I request a written response to the following questions by December 31, 2025:

1. What is the status of the Administration's reported consideration for exempting essential baby products like car seats, baby strollers, and cribs from tariffs?³
2. Has the Administration considered the cost of baby products in its trade negotiations with China?

¹ *New Parents are Paying 24 Percent More for Five Common Baby Items Since Trump's Tariffs*, Joint Economic Committee Minority (June 2025), https://www.jec.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/3504b51d-7046-4f30-bd8c-7176a43cef4e/new-parents-are-paying-24-percent-more-for-five-common-baby-items-since-trump-s-tariffs.pdf

² Joan Verdon, *Babylist Founder on Why Parents Need a Break from 'Baby Tax' Tariffs*, *Forbes* (September 29, 2025), <https://www.forbes.com/sites/joanverdon/2025/09/29/babylist-founder-on-why-parents-need-a-break-from-baby-tax-tariffs/>.

³ David Shepardson, *US Considering Exempting Car Seats, Strollers from Chinese Tariffs*, *Reuters* (May 7, 2025), <https://www.reuters.com/world/china/us-considering-exempting-car-seats-strollers-chinese-tariffs-2025-05-07/>

I look forward to receiving your responses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Ossoff", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jon Ossoff
United States Senator