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**Subject: Public consultation on UK Global Tariff policy**

We are writing in response to the UK Government's public consultation to inform the UK's new independent global tariff policy.

BritishAmerican Business (BAB) is the leading transatlantic trade association created as a result of the merger between the British-American Chamber of Commerce in the U.S. and the American Chamber of Commerce in the UK.

We are committed to strengthening the economic corridor between the United States and the United Kingdom. We support policies and actions that protect and enhance the environment for transatlantic trade and investment on behalf of our members.

As an organisation that believes in and supports free trade and investment across the Atlantic and beyond, we welcome the government's public consultation to inform the development of a new tariff regime which will come into force from January 2021.

Removing tariffs on goods of 2.5% or less, rounding tariffs down to the nearest standardised band, removing tariffs on key inputs to production and manufacturing, and removing tariffs where the UK has limited domestic production – are all measures which will benefit manufacturers and consumers across the UK.

Beyond an updated and simplified MFN schedule, the UK should use its autonomous trade policy to champion free trade globally. As we continue to support the UK Government in defining this new trade policy, we will continue to advocate for measures which can boost the volume of trade, simplify customs procedures, and reduce administrative burdens, such as increasing the *de minimis* duty threshold to at least \$800.

BAB stands ready to assist the UK Government further both on the current consultation and in building a trade policy fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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