

## U.S. Industry Statement on Urgent Renewal of the E-Commerce Moratorium at the 13<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference

March 1, 2024

The below organizations call on the Biden-Harris Administration to secure renewal of the WTO's moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions, which for 30 years has fostered innovation, helped grow the economy and created new jobs. At this moment in Abu Dhabi at MC 13, WTO Members are close to concluding a ministerial declaration that may omit language that renews the moratorium until MC 14 in two years. Terminating the moratorium would fragment the global economy and harm workers in both developing and developed countries. This outcome is on balance negative for U.S. economic security. We call on the Biden-Harris Administration to take steps to preserve and strengthen the WTO, rather than allowing a result that damages this institution and introduces further uncertainty into the global economy.

ACT | The App Association

American Chemistry Council

Autos Drive America

BSA | The Software Alliance

Business Roundtable (BRT)

Computer and Communications Industry Association (CCIA)

Consumer Technology Association (CTA)

Engine

Entertainment Software Association (ESA)

Global Data Alliance

Independent Film & Television Alliance (IFTA)

Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)

National Association of Manufacturers

National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC)

National Retail Federation (NRF)

NetChoice

TechNet

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

U.S. Council for International Business (USCIB)