

Re: Docket Number USTR-2024-0014; Dispute Number DS623

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding United States; Certain Tax Credits Under the Inflation Reduction Act (China)

The undersigned organizations worked hard alongside your administration and Congress to deliver the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which included historic investments to boost manufacturing in the clean energy economy. Unfortunately, its incentives that will help create and support good clean energy jobs are being threatened by antiquated trade rules that work against our national interest.

The Peoples Republic of China's recent state-to-state dispute at the World Trade Organization (WTO) targeting the structure of tax incentives for electric vehicle, electric battery, and renewable energy production offered through the IRA is an attempt to force the United States to change our domestic laws that we, and the world, desperately need.

Time is running out to meet our climate commitments and to invest in the local clean energy jobs for U.S. workers made possible by the IRA's incentives. The IRA has the potential to be a game changer for the industrial towns hit hardest by decades of offshoring. We urge the U.S. government to not allow outdated corporate-friendly trade rules stand in the way of swift and certain implementation of the IRA so that the important work begun through the IRA delivers a new wave of manufacturing jobs and helps rebuilds trust with American workers.

Thus, we strongly urge you to continue to implement the IRA as intended, without technical changes that the PRC seeks through its WTO challenge that would erode its promises to U.S. workers and climate goals.

Outdated trade rules at the WTO should not be used to undermine our laws or any other country's laws that are intended to support a growing clean energy economy.

Sincerely,

Citizens Trade Campaign (CTC)

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM)

International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW)

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Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team

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United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC)

United Steelworkers (USW)