

September 20, 2016

The Honorable Penny Pritzker  
Secretary  
United States Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Pritzker:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing manufacturers, farmers and agribusinesses, wholesalers, retailers, importers, exporters, distributors, and transportation and logistics providers, we appreciate your actions related to the Hanjin Shipping Company bankruptcy and urge you to continue to engage the South Korean government to bring a swift and economically positive resolution to the situation.

U.S. businesses rely on predictability in their supply chains, particularly during the busiest shipping season of the year. The recent bankruptcy filing has caused widespread disruptions in freight shipments worldwide.

Since this is ongoing, the level of anxiety remains high as shippers wonder when Hanjin ships will be allowed to enter ports and if their goods will be seized by Hanjin's creditors once they are docked. There are also concerns about critical cargo that remains at overseas ports. For some, there is added confusion about the location of cargo, where cargo will be unloaded and how the cargo will be transported. The trade community is also facing steadily increasing freight charges as they look for new transportation options as well as concerns about fees assessed on cargo. The impact on small and medium sized companies could be particularly devastating if this situation is not resolved in a timely manner.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and your outreach to the business community throughout the process. We strongly encourage you to continue to work with the South Korean government to bring about a swift and economically beneficial resolution that will allow cargo to move through the global supply chain and give certainty to U.S. businesses.

Sincerely,

Agriculture Transportation Coalition  
Airforwarders Association  
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers  
Almond Alliance of California  
American Apparel & Footwear Association  
(AAFA)  
American Association of Exporters and  
Importers  
American Chemistry Council  
American Coatings Association

American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Frozen Food Institute  
American Hardwood Export Council  
American Home Furnishings Alliance  
American Import Shippers Association  
American Potato Trade Alliance  
American Pyrotechnics Association  
American Soybean Association  
American Trucking Associations

American Walnut Manufacturers Association  
 Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc.  
 Association of Food Industries  
 Auto Care Association  
 California Business Properties Association  
 California Chamber of Commerce  
 California Farm Bureau  
 California League of Food Processors  
 California Retailers Association  
 California Trucking Associations  
 California Walnut Commission  
 CAWA – Representing the Automotive Parts Industry  
 CONECT – Coalition of New England Companies for Trade  
 Consumer Technology Association  
 Fashion Accessories Shippers Association (FASA)  
 Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America  
 Furniture Shippers Association  
 Foreign Trade Association  
 Gemini Shippers Group  
 Global Cold Chain Alliance  
 Green Coffee Association  
 Grocery Manufacturers Association  
 Harbor Association of Industry & Commerce  
 Harbor Trucking Association  
 Hardwood Federation  
 Hardwood Manufacturers Association  
 Hardwood Plywood & Veneer Association  
 Halloween Industry Association, Inc.  
 Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen’s Association  
 Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)  
 Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.  
 Intermodal Motor Carriers Conference  
 International Association of Movers  
 International Wood Products Association  
 Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association, Inc.  
 Kentucky Forest Industries Association  
 Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce  
 Los Angeles Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association  
 Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association  
 Meat Import Council of America  
 Midwest Shippers Association  
 Missouri Forest Products Association  
 Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
 National Association of Beverage Importers  
 National Association of Chemical Distributors  
 National Association of Egg Farmers  
 National Association of Manufacturers  
 National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
 National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
 National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America (NCBFAA)  
 National Fisheries Institute  
 National Foreign Trade Council  
 National Grain and Feed Association  
 National Hardwood Lumber Association  
 National Industrial Transportation League  
 National Milk Producers Federation  
 National Oilseed Processers Association  
 National Onion Association  
 National Pork Producers Council  
 National Potato Council  
 National Retail Federation  
 National Shippers Strategic Transportation Council  
 National Waste & Recycling Association  
 National Wood Flooring Association  
 National Wooden Pallet and Container Association  
 New Jersey Retail Merchants Association  
 New York/New Jersey Foreign Freight Forwarders and Brokers Assn.  
 North American Blueberry Council  
 North American Export Grain Association  
 North American Meat Institute  
 North Carolina Forestry Association  
 Northwest Food Processors Association  
 Oregon Dairy Farmers Association  
 Oregon Farm Bureau Federation  
 Outdoor Industry Association  
 Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders  
 Promotional Products Association International  
 Propeller Club of Los Angeles-Long Beach  
 Railway Tie Association  
 Retail Industry Leaders Association  
 Tea Association of the U.S.A., Inc.  
 The Coalition for Responsible Transportation  
 Toy Industry Association  
 Transportation Intermediaries Association

Travel Goods Association (TGA)  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
U.S. Dairy Export Council  
U.S. Fashion Industry Association  
U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association  
U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC)  
United Fresh Produce Association  
United States Fashion Industry Association  
USA Poultry & Egg Export Council  
Virginia Forest Products Association  
Virginia Forestry Association  
Virginia Loggers Association  
Washington Council on International Trade  
Washington Farm Bureau  
Washington Trucking Associations  
Western Growers Association  
Western Hardwood Association  
Wood Component Manufacturers Association