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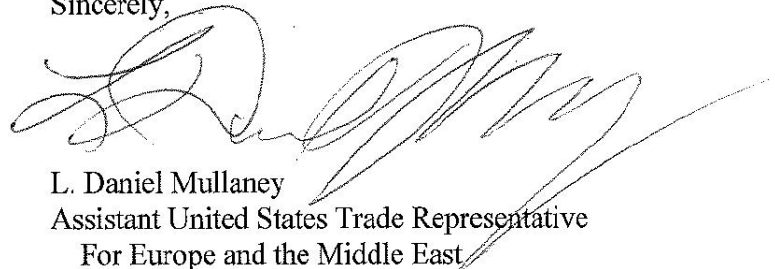
Dear Mr. Cañas Pérez and other Members of European Parliament:

Ambassador Lighthizer asked me to respond to your letter of April 8. First, and foremost, allow me to express my deepest sympathy and condolences to our friends in Spain during this global health crisis, which has exacted such a terrible toll, in Spain and elsewhere.

Your letter expressed concern about the impact of the WTO-authorized tariffs imposed by the United States on imports from the European Union (EU) following its failure to comply with the WTO's findings in the Airbus dispute. As you know, this is a longstanding dispute between the United States and the EU. Due to the substantial economic harm caused to the United States by the illegal subsidies provided to Airbus and the EU's refusal to remove the illegal subsidies, we exercised our right to place an appropriate amount of tariffs on EU goods, to offset the severe impact of the illegal subsidies. In doing so, we acted in accordance with our WTO obligations. The United States is nonetheless prepared to negotiate with the EU with the goal of resolving this dispute in a manner that removes all existing WTO-inconsistent subsidies. We hope that the EU will work with us to resolve this dispute once and for all.

The United States deeply values its relationship with Spain and the extensive cultural and economic ties between our two countries, especially during these difficult times for both of our countries. I hope that your group and other Spanish Members of the European Parliament will communicate to the European Commission the importance of resolving this matter expeditiously.

Sincerely,



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