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Pablo Lavigne
Secretary of Commerce
Hipólito Yrigoyen 250,
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dear Secretary Lavigne,

On behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce' U.S.-Argentina Business Council (USABC), the leading entity dedicated to strengthening commercial and economic ties between both countries, we commend the efforts of the Argentine government, and especially your Secretariat, for undertaking fundamental reforms to improve the business climate in the country. Our companies, are committed to investment and job creation in both markets, play a vital role in driving the growth of the economic partnership between the United States and Argentina.

The measures proposed and adopted by President Javier Milei, aimed at reducing bureaucratic burdens, generating competition, and facilitating trade, represent a significant step forward in Argentina's commercial integration into the world. The United States is one of Argentina's main trading partners, and we are convinced that, with the right conditions and policies, these bilateral economic relations can further grow.

In this regard, we wish to express our full support for a reform of the simplified customs procedures for couriers in Argentina. As presented by CAPSIA—Express Industry Association-- to your office on January 4th of this year, improving the regulatory aspects of the express industry is crucial to enhancing the efficiency of foreign trade.

Specifically, we would like to highlight the significant impact on Argentina's competitiveness and revenue efficiency, as well as on business and government operational productivity and efficiency, that the following measures would have:

- Increase in the value and weight limits of Courier operations.
- Allowing shipments requiring the intervention of a third-party agency to be processed via Courier.
- Simplification of the collection model based on international best practices through product families.
- Establishing a threshold below which shipments would not be subject to import duties (De Minimis).



The USABC is fully available to discuss this topic or any other of interest in the bilateral economic relationship with the United States. We sincerely appreciate your attention and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Isabel Quiroz
Executive Director
U.S.-Argentina Business Council

About the United States-Argentina Business Council

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's U.S.-Argentina Business Council (USABC) is the leading business advocacy organization dedicated to strengthening the economic and commercial relationship between the United States and Argentina. Our mission is to foster a strong economic and commercial relationship between both countries, identifying challenges and proposing solutions to issues hindering the commercial relationship, promoting commercial and investment opportunities for USABC members, and supporting economic growth in Argentina and the United States, particularly supporting Argentina's economic reform efforts.

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The United States Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business organization representing companies of all sizes in every sector of the economy. Our members range from small businesses and local chambers of commerce lining Main Streets across America to leading industry associations and large corporations. They all share one thing: they count on the Chamber of Commerce to be their voice in Washington, across the country, and around the world. For over 100 years, we have advocated for business-friendly policies that help create jobs and grow the economy.