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Action Calendar

June 26, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Support Stop Tariffs On Printers and Publishers (STOPP) and S.2835 - PRINT Act.  
 Also, send letters in support to Senator Susan Collins, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator  
 Kamala Harris, and Congresswoman Barbara Lee

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support Stop Tariffs On Printers and Publishers (STOPP) and S.2835 -  
 PRINT Act and Send a letter in Support to Senator Susan Collins, Senator Dianne Feinstein,  
 Senator Kamala Harris, and Congresswoman Barbara Lee

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Commerce has proposed a preliminary plan to charge newsprint tariffs that may range as high as 32 percent. These tariffs will cause damage to printers and publishers that represent small businesses that employ more than 600,000 workers in the United States who rely on paper. Newsprint companies have joined together to fight proposed government tariffs which will range as high as 32 percent. These tariffs would mean that there will be less demand for newsprint and less news and information distributed in local communities. STOPP is a coalition of about 70 publishing companies which reject the tariff.

The attached letters primarily consist of language proposed by Stop Tariffs On Printers and Publishers (STOPP).

<https://www.stopnewsprinttariffs.org/contact-congress/>

**The Bill Weblink:**

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2835/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22print+act%22%5D%7D&r=4>

**News Article Weblinks:**

[Washington Post: Trump's trade war threatens the U.S. newspaper industry; Author: Jackie Spinner 06.22.18](#)

[CNN: Local newspapers fear tariffs could cripple them; Author: Jill Disis 04.21.18](#)

[RealClearMarkets: The U.S. Should Reject a Ruinous New Tax on America's Free Press Tradition; Author: Steve Forbes 06.18.18](#)

[The Daily Beast: Newspapers Become Lobbyists as They Try to Save Their Industry From Trump's Tariffs; Author: Gideon Resnick & Sam Stein 06.18.18](#)

**FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS:** Minimal.

**ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY:** No significant impact.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Councilmember Kriss Worthington 510-981-7170

**ATTACHMENT 1:**

Dear Senator Susan Collins,

Thank you for sponsoring the Bill S.2835 - PRINT Act, which recognizes the importance of preserving American media and supporting local businesses. The City of Berkeley officially supports Bill S.2835 - PRINT Act and Support Stop Tariffs On Printers and Publishers (STOPP).

The City of Berkeley is grateful that you have taken responsibility for the wellbeing of newsprint and publishing industry through the Bill S.2835. This bill will facilitate better understanding of the print industry in order to address the declining demand for newsprint. We must take into account how these economic trends affect not only national but local employment levels.

Moreover, your introduction of this Bipartisan Bill greatly reflects your dedication to involve both parties on this pressing issue. The print industry ought to be a concern for all of us because it impacts communities of large and small business in the United States.

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Dear Senator Dianne Feinstein,

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We understand that the trade case is at a critical phase at the International Trade Commission, and that Members of Congress can express their concerns by submitting comments to the ITC on the impact of these tariffs on constituents. We respectfully request that you let the ITC know that this newsprint trade case will cause unintended consequences that will harm our economy and local community, and should be rejected.

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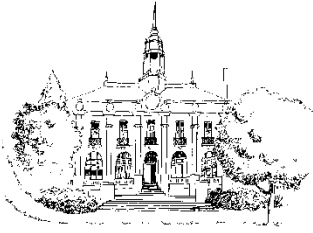
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