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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Concerning the State of Colorado's Response to Increased Costs for Colorado Consumers, Producers, and Manufacturers Stemming from U.S. Tariff Policy

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order concerning the State of Colorado's response to increased costs for Colorado consumers, producers, and manufacturers stemming from U.S. Tariff Policy.

I. Background and Purpose

After the inauguration of the Trump administration in January 2025, the United States began implementing tariffs on imports worldwide. The announced tariffs had many different rates including 10%, 20%, 50%, and even as high as 145% on all imports from certain countries, including major American trading partners such as China. On Saturday, July 12, President Trump announced tariffs on Mexico and the European Union — two major trading partners of Colorado — of 30%. Many of the countries included in U.S. Tariff Policy¹ have subsequently announced and implemented retaliatory tariffs on American goods, including those manufactured in Colorado, starting a trade war. The Trump Administration's trade war has significantly harmed Colorado's economic growth, supply chains, and industrial output by raising prices substantially for Colorado consumers and increasing the price of manufacturing for local and extractive industries, leading to supply shortages, increased prices for local businesses, and a weakened export market for goods manufactured in Colorado.

The harms from U.S. Tariff Policy and corresponding trade war have had a particularly damaging effect on critical sectors of the Colorado economy, such as healthcare, fuel, agriculture and food processing, electrical and computer goods, and all facets of Colorado's manufacturing base. The Trump Administration has continued to change tariff levels without providing warning to Colorado policymakers or businesses, and without otherwise providing any information or data regarding how U.S. Tariff Policy may affect Colorado's economy. In addition to the general harm from U.S. Tariff Policy, our economy and the State's budget are uniquely situated due to State constitutional limitations on State spending, which are directly connected to inflation

¹ The Trump Administration has issued a host of Executive Orders seeking to implement its U.S. Tariff Policy and the America First Trade Policy [memorandum](#) published at 90 CFR 8471.

caused by U.S. Tariff Policy. Inflation-driven impact to Colorado's economy will likely increase costs to Coloradans for essential state services such as roads, schools, and construction.

In response to the harm caused by increased costs for Colorado consumers, producers, and manufacturers, and on housing stemming from the U.S. Tariff Policy, I am directing relevant State agencies to take action to investigate and mitigate such harms. The State should make all efforts to collect and analyze data related to U.S. Tariff Policy and the harms imposed on Colorado consumers, producers, and manufacturers to inform recommendations for how to protect Coloradans and the State's economy during this volatile time.

II. Declarations and Directives

1. Within 45 days of this Executive Order, the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) shall produce a report estimating the impact of Colorado's tariff burden.
2. Where possible, this report shall reflect both the estimated impact to date of U.S. Tariff Policy on Colorado's economy, as well as the potential future impacts of currently effective tariffs and paused or delayed tariffs, assuming they were to become effective. This report shall focus on specific vulnerable geographies and sectoral impacts, including housing construction, especially where those impacts are acute and particularly harmful to Colorado companies and consumers. Finally, this report shall estimate the financial impacts of the identified tariffs on Colorado's economy.
3. Within 100 days of this Executive Order, the Executive Directors of the Department of Agriculture (CDA), the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), and the Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) shall submit plans to the Governor's Office regarding how they will adapt State services and programs to meet the changing needs caused by U.S. Tariff Policy.
4. In developing these plans, CDA, OEDIT, and CDLE shall consult with key stakeholders, businesses, and parties impacted by U.S. Tariff Policy and consider their needs.

III. Duration

This Executive Order does not contravene, and shall not be construed to contravene, any contracts, agreements, collective bargaining agreements, or federal law. This Executive Order shall remain in effect unless modified or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this fourteenth
day of July, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jared Polis
Governor