

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

## VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

July 14, 2021

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo  
Secretary  
United States Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

The Honorable Katherine C. Tai  
United States Trade Representative  
600 17th St. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Secretary Raimondo and Ambassador Tai:

We write you today regarding the letter we sent with twelve of our colleagues—including the Ranking Members of the relevant committees of jurisdiction— about the Biden Administration’s disastrous proposed waiver of Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, or TRIPS agreement. In that letter, we posed ten specific questions about the proposed TRIPS waiver and asked for answers by June 19. We have attached a copy of that letter and the corresponding questions for your reference.

As of the date of this letter, we have not received a formal response to our letter answering our specific questions. We have received a cursory, perfunctory, and dismissive response from your offices. This response was totally inadequate and failed to respond to congressional oversight.

Accordingly, we write today to ask when we will receive a formal response to the ten specific questions we asked in our May 19 letter. Please formally reply to this correspondence by no later than July 31, 2021 with an exact deadline of when we will receive answers to our questions. Failure to give specific answers to our questions—and the questions of twelve of our colleagues—will result in us taking appropriate action to ensure congressional oversight of this important matter.

The choice is yours. We look forward to your reply. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Tom Cotton  
United States Senator



Thom Tillis  
United States Senator