

## Statement of Support by the Coalition for a Prosperous America

*Submitted to the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance regarding the nomination of Jamieson Greer to be United States Trade Representative*

**Hearing Date and Time:** 10:00 AM, Thursday, February 6, 2025

**Location:** 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

### **Chairman Crapo, Ranking Member Wyden, and Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Finance:**

The Coalition for a Prosperous America (CPA) is pleased to submit this statement in support of the nomination of Mr. Jamieson Greer to serve as the next United States Trade Representative (USTR). CPA is a bipartisan coalition of agriculture, manufacturing, and labor organizations dedicated to protecting all the opportunities and possibilities of the American market for American enterprise, and fair treatment for foreign investors from friendly nations, namely the equal right to make new investments in the American market and compete for American business by the payment of American wages.

As the Office responsible for facilitating more imports in exchange for promises from foreign states of more market access, USTR's mission has been in tension with CPA's goal.

By design, market access negotiations with foreign countries seek to benefit some domestic producers by the sacrifice of others. This injustice inherent to international trade negotiations is compounded by the fact that invariably, it is the larger industries, those that extend to overseas markets, who are prioritized in negotiations, while smaller domestic producers reliant on the home market are sacrificed

For these reasons, domestic producers were thrilled in 2017 when President Trump and Ambassador Lighthizer, his United States Trade Representative, refocused the office. With Jameison Greer serving as Ambassador Lighthizer's Chief of Staff, the two used Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 to defend domestic producers and fight against import penetration for the first time in that statute's history.

Secondly, in their steel and aluminum negotiations with foreign countries, Ambassador Lighthizer and Jameison Greer rejected the failed, so-called rules-based trade paradigm. In its place, they negotiated outcome-oriented quota agreements with their foreign counterparts. These agreements, notably with Brazil, Argentina, and Korea, along with the Section 301 action against China, enjoyed bipartisan support, with President Biden's Administration building on their success.

Given his successful track record at USTR, CPA is delighted to support Jameison Greer's nomination for United States Trade Representative.