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**after Tariffs**

# SHRIMP TARIFFS ARE ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU LOSE YOUR APPETITE.

In the coming months, the United States Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission will rule on a petition filed by a small group of 227 individual domestic shrimpers and shrimp companies from the southern U.S.

Their petition demands that the government **impose**

**tariffs—of between 32% and 349%—on shrimp** imported to the U.S. from six countries.

In response, a coalition of restaurants, grocery stores, major U.S. seafood processing companies and shrimp importers from across the nation is working aggressively on behalf of the American public in opposing this petition for food taxes.

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**These proposed tariffs are unfair, could double the price you pay for shrimp and would result in lost U.S. jobs. Here are the facts:**

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**Domestic shrimpers cannot meet demand.** In 2003, the American public consumed 1.2-billion pounds of shrimp. The entire domestic shrimp industry produces only 180-million pounds yearly, **requiring that 85% of all shrimp consumed annually in the U.S. be imported to meet demand.**

**Windfall profits for an already subsidized industry.**

So far in 2004, the domestic shrimp industry has been handed \$35,000,000 in government subsidies. **If these tariffs are imposed, the individual shrimpers or companies who registered for the petition filing would receive up to \$800,000 each from tariff revenues to be used in any way they wish,** with no requirement whatsoever to use the monies to improve harvesting methods, enhance efficiencies, improve quality or increase production.

**Tariffs will end up on your plate.** If implemented, the paying of 32% to 349% tariffs by companies which import and process shrimp for the American public will result in substantially higher shrimp costs and, in turn, **substantially higher shrimp prices on restaurant menus and on grocery store and warehouse club shelves.**

**The government shouldn't decide whose job is more important.**

There are approximately 13,000 persons employed in the domestic shrimping industry compared to the quarter of a million individuals whose job is related to the processing and sale of imported shrimp. In considering to impose these tariffs, **the U.S. government is, in fact, determining that subsidizing a single domestic shrimper's job is more important than sustaining those of 20 other American workers.** When shrimp prices are artificially increased through tariffs, the reality is that the public will consume less shrimp and shrimp industry jobs will be lost. And that's unfair.

**You can help! Let your legislators know you're against tariffs that cost you more and cost our country jobs!**

Prominent members of the United States Congress, including Senators John McCain (Arizona) and Lincoln Chafee (Rhode Island), are publicly on record in opposition to tariffs on shrimp imports. They need your help by contacting your congressional delegation at [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org).

To learn more about why these proposed tariffs are bad for America, visit: [www.freetradeinseafood.com](http://www.freetradeinseafood.com) or [www.citac.info/shrimp](http://www.citac.info/shrimp)

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