



Autoimmune Association and 40+ Patient Advocacy Organizations Urge Department of Commerce to Exempt Pharmaceuticals from Tariffs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 14, 2025) -- This week, the Autoimmune Association and 43 other patient advocacy groups submitted a [joint letter](#) to the U.S. Department of Commerce urging officials to exempt medicines imported from allies like Europe, Japan, and India from proposed tariffs.

"Unprecedented tariffs on life-changing medications would jeopardize the health of millions of Americans battling chronic or autoimmune diseases," said Molly Murray, president and CEO of the Autoimmune Association. "Tariffs would drive up drug prices, worsen shortages, and deprive Americans of the medicines they need to manage complex, chronic conditions."

The joint letter, submitted as part of the Department of Commerce's Section 232 national security investigation, warns that the impact on autoimmune patients would be especially severe. For instance, many treatments for rheumatoid arthritis and psoriasis -- including Humira, Rinvoq, and Stelara -- are imported from Germany, Ireland, and the Netherlands. Many patients take medications for which there are no therapeutic substitutes available. Tariffs would force these patients to pay a higher price or forgo treatment altogether.

The signatories also highlighted the impact of tariffs on U.S.-made medicines. [About half](#) of the active pharmaceutical ingredients used in Americans' prescriptions are made domestically, but a substantial portion of ingredients come from allies like Europe and India and Japan. By raising the cost of these critical ingredients, tariffs would reduce domestic manufacturing and lead to drug shortages.

"Patients do not choose their diagnosis or where their medications are made," said Murray. "They deserve uninterrupted access to the therapies they depend on."

To read the full letter and list of signatories or learn more about the impact of tariffs on medicines, visit: autoimmune.org/understanding-tariffs/.

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About the Autoimmune Association

The Autoimmune Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, leads the fight against autoimmune disease by advocating and collaborating to improve healthcare, advance research, and empower the community through every step of the journey. For more information about the Autoimmune Association, please visit autoimmune.org.

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