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Statement on Special 301 Trade-Intellectual Property Report

This statement on the latest Special 301 Report of the U.S. Trade Representative may be attributed to James Edwards, executive director, Conservatives for Property Rights:

“The U.S. Trade Representative’s new Special 301 Report is a breath of fresh air! From a private property rights perspective, the Trump administration has reversed course from the Biden USTR’s retreat, such as its vapid Special 301s.

“This latest report on intellectual property rights-based trade matters returns to the purpose of Special 301 reports—calling out foreign countries’ trade violations of American innovators’ intellectual property—and demands transparency and accountability for nations not living up to their TRIPS Agreement commitments. Conservatives for Property Rights applauds USTR’s adoption of several key recommendations from domestic innovator stakeholders.

“America’s competitive edge, particularly in IP-intensive economic sectors, has always been our acumen at creating and commercializing new technologies, including inventions and processes that modernize existing industry sectors. Critical to this is ensuring global respect for patent exclusivity, IP rights and standard-essential and other patent licensing exclusively between involved private parties.

“Those countries that place improper limits on patent rights and use nontariff barriers against U.S innovators exercising IP and trade rights must be held accountable. This Special 301 report is a great next step.”

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