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Dear AAEI members and Industry Officials:

The American Association of Exporters and Importers (AAEI) supports the work of the International Price Program (IPP) of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). AAEI encourages its members and the companies they represent to support IPP in its efforts to collect price data that is used to publish timely and accurate price indexes.

The International Price Program's Import and Export Price Indexes measure price changes for goods and selected services exported out of and imported into the United States. The Import and Export Price Indexes are used to measure inflation, negotiate trade contracts, and analyze exchange rates.

Your participation supports the valuable work of the International Price Program as they conduct surveys for the American people and companies. Member companies may receive a visit from BLS economists to secure cooperation for their participation in these surveys. This participation will ensure that BLS can produce and publish robust price indexes. In short, your contribution is vital.

We recognize the valuable work BLS conducts on behalf of the American people and support its mission to "collect, analyze, and disseminate essential economic information to support public and private decision making" and we strongly encourage our members to participate in the data collection efforts of the International Price Program.

Sincerely yours,

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