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Chris and George,

The NAM's International Intellectual Property Task Force (chaired by Thaddeus) met with Probir today on trade secrets. Of course, the EU's very disturbing announcement about an indefinite exemption for LDCs came up and Probir suggested we reach out to you.

As you might imagine, the NAM strongly opposes an indefinite exemption because of the direct implications for one of our important manufacturing industries that produces good-paying jobs and life-saving medications, but also because of the precedent that this action will have. While we have all tolerated extensions of the commitments entered into by these countries, the EU's embrace of this approach frankly makes a mockery of the international trading system and the negotiation of agreements that the U.S. has fully implemented.

Thaddeus has been in contact with Business Europe and we are prepared to work to identify and help activate other industry groups that have similar views and may help us build allies among other countries.

Let us know if you'd like to arrange a call.

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