

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 15, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President  
United States of America  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20220

Dear President Trump,

We write to express our serious concerns regarding the United Kingdom's discriminatory digital services tax (DST) and urge you to seek its removal as soon as possible. The UK's DST collected \$1 billion in 2024 alone, and an estimated \$3.1 billion between 2021 and 2024, almost entirely from American companies.<sup>1</sup> The UK itself has stated that 90% of the DST is paid by five companies,<sup>2</sup> which the U.S. Trade Representative believes to all be American owned companies.<sup>3</sup> This discriminatory action undermines American innovation and captures the U.S. tax base.

We applaud you for your attention and action combating discriminatory DSTs that target U.S. companies. We are deeply appreciative of your recent comments that digital taxes must end immediately and that "American Technology Companies, are neither the 'piggy bank' nor the 'doormat' of the World any longer."<sup>4</sup> You have demonstrated a focus on eliminating these unfair trading practices from our partners and you have delivered wins for American companies, most notably Canada's commitment to withdraw its DST. Additionally, India also ended its DST and New Zealand withdrew its DST legislation in response to your resolve.

The UK's insistence to maintain its DST contradicts its commitment to treat U.S. companies fairly, and if permitted to continue, will set a dangerous precedent for other countries, including those that continue to levy DSTs on U.S. companies<sup>5</sup> or others, such as Poland and Slovakia, that are proposing new DSTs. It is therefore essential that the UK removes this tax promptly.

As you prepare for the upcoming U.S.-UK Leaders' Summit, we urge you to prioritize securing a commitment that the UK will remove its DST. Should the UK fail to agree, we believe reopening the Section 301 investigation into the DST would be a necessary and appropriate action.

Sincerely,



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Ron Estes  
Member of Congress



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Vern Buchanan  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://ccianet.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Status-of-Key-Digital-Services-Taxes-in-July-2025.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Investigation-into-the-digital-services-tax.pdf>.

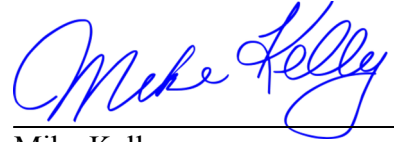
<sup>3</sup> <https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/files/Press/Releases/UKDSTSection301Report.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/115092243259973570>.

<sup>5</sup> This includes France, Spain, and Italy, which have brought in an estimated \$6.1 billion from DSTs since 2020. See footnote 1.



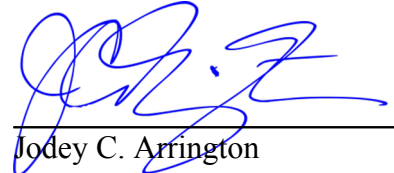
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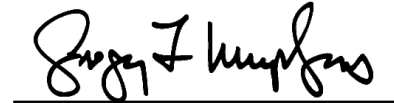
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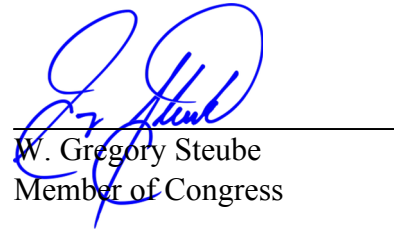
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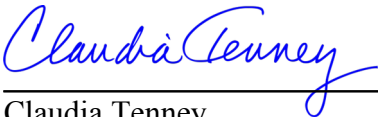
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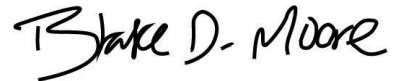
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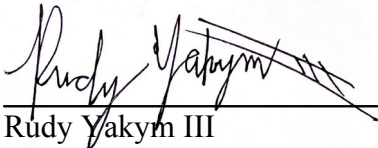
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