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## **CSI Statement on USTR’s Launch of Dispute Settlement Process over Canadian Digital Services Tax**

**Washington, D.C. (August 30, 2024)** — *The Coalition of Services Industries (CSI) today issued the following statement on USTR’s announcement that it will initiate consultations after Canada enacted a digital services tax that primarily targets US companies:*

Said CSI President Christine Bliss:

“We applaud USTR’s decision to pursue enforcement against Canada’s discriminatory digital services tax, which we believe violates Ottawa’s national treatment obligations under USMCA.

“We urge the Canadian government to rescind its implementation of the tax, which also features a highly problematic retroactive application inconsistent with international norms. Canada’s pursuit of the DST has not only impaired bilateral trade relations but also complicated global efforts to forge a new digital tax regime through the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework. USTR’s strong enforcement action is the right response.”

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