



**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE
REPRESENTATIVE**

Washington, D.C.

In re: Section 301 Investigation of Brazil's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Digital Trade and Electronic Payment Services; Unfair, Preferential Tariffs; Anti-Corruption Enforcement; Intellectual Property Protection; Ethanol Market Access; and Illegal Deforestation

Docket No. USTR-2026-0397

**REQUEST TO APPEAR AT THE PUBLIC HEARING
AND SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

Submitted by

SENATOR FLÁVIO BOLSONARO

Member, Federal Senate of the Federative Republic of Brazil
Senator and Pre-Candidate for the Presidency of the Republic

I. Request to Appear at the Public Hearing

The undersigned respectfully submits this notification of intent to appear and to provide oral testimony at the public hearing on the proposed action in the above-captioned investigation, scheduled for July 6, 2026, at the U.S. International Trade Commission. The identifying information required by the Notice is set out below.

Name of witness: Flávio Bolsonaro



Capacity: Member of the Federal Senate of the Federative Republic of Brazil; a prominent figure in the parliamentary opposition; and a declared pre-candidate for the Presidency of the Republic in the October 2026 election. The witness appears in his personal and official capacity as a Brazilian legislator. He has met in person with President Trump, Vice President Vance, and Secretary Rubio on the matters at issue.

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Language of testimony: English.

Manner of appearance: In person.

Time requested: The witness requests five minutes, understood to be the standard time allotted to witnesses; the witness defers to USTR's final time allocation.

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The witness confirms his intention to appear in person and to answer questions from the Section 301 Committee. A summary of the proposed testimony follows in Part II. The witness will further file detailed written comments in Docket No. USTR-2026-0331 by the applicable deadline.

II. Summary of Testimony

The witness will testify in opposition to the proposed action and in favor of a constructive, negotiated resolution of the matters identified in the investigation. The central thesis of the testimony is that the proposed 25% tariff would not obtain the elimination of the practices it targets — the standard the statute itself prescribes — and would in several respects produce the opposite of its stated objective. The witness will respectfully urge the Trade Representative to suspend the proposed action and to open, without delay, a bilateral negotiating mechanism across all six areas identified in the Notice.

Two positions are stated at the outset and without qualification. The witness opposes the imposition of tariffs on Brazilian products, and he opposes any measure directed at Brazil's public instant-payment system. He does so on behalf of the consumers and producers of both countries, and in defense of a partnership that has served the United States and Brazil for more than eighty years.



The witness will further explain that he does not come to plead for relief, but to propose the restoration of a historic partnership between sovereign equals — on fair and reciprocal terms, and on the model the United States has itself recently endorsed in this hemisphere.

The testimony will demonstrate a single, decisive proposition, which the witness will develop with evidence at the hearing: that the proposed action would, in practice, benefit the very government whose conduct the investigation describes, while falling upon Brazilian exporters, American importers, U.S. consumers, and the Brazilian opposition that is itself the principal domestic victim of the conduct at issue. The party advantaged by the measure is not the party the measure is meant to reach.

The testimony will be framed by the statute’s own efficacy standard under Section 301(b) — action “to obtain the elimination” of the practice at issue — and will address the record of the 2025 tariffs measured against that standard.

The witness will respond to each of the six findings in turn — digital trade and electronic payment services; unfair, preferential tariffs; anti-corruption enforcement; intellectual property protection; ethanol market access; and illegal deforestation — setting out, for each, what he acknowledges, what he contests, and the paths to remediation that a Brazilian government prepared to negotiate in good faith could deliver. On several of the findings, the distance between the Trade Representative’s position and that of a reform-minded Brazilian government is far narrower than it will be with the incumbent.

The witness will conclude by setting out the appropriate action: suspension of the proposed action paired with the immediate opening of a bilateral negotiating mechanism, on a defined agenda and calendar, together with an enforcement architecture that preserves the United States’ leverage in full while a negotiated resolution is pursued.

The detailed evidentiary record, the supporting data, and the specific architecture of the requested action will be presented in the witness’s written comment, to be filed in Docket No. USTR-2026-0331, and developed in his oral testimony before the Committee.

All submissions are made in English, in accordance with the Notice.