

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 2, 2012

The Honorable Irving A. Williamson, Chairman
The Honorable Daniel R. Pearson
The Honorable Shara L. Aranoff
The Honorable Dean A. Pinkert
The Honorable David S. Johanson
The Honorable Meredith Broadbent
Commissioners
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20436

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

We write today to express ongoing concern with unfair trade practices by the Government of China and Chinese producers and exporters. Preliminary findings by the U.S. International Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Commerce have already determined that the subsidization and dumping of solar cells and modules in the U.S. market violate U.S. trade laws.

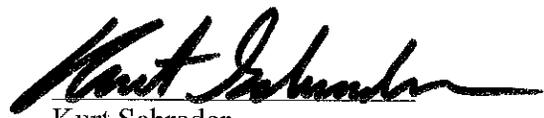
On October 3, 2012, the Commission will hold its final hearing on the Chinese solar trade cases. It is imperative that the Commission consider the evidence of injury to U.S. domestic producers and manufacturers that is caused by Chinese imports, as evidenced by the closure of multiple U.S. manufacturing facilities, job losses in the industry, financial difficulties for U.S. companies, and other factors. We also strongly encourage the Department of Commerce to close a loophole in its preliminary determination that allows Chinese manufacturers to circumvent antidumping and countervailing duty orders. By revising the scope of the case, the Department can help ensure that Chinese producers and exporters are not able to weaken the effectiveness of U.S. trade laws by simply shifting parts of their manufacturing process to countries not covered by the orders.

Despite the preliminary dumping and subsidy margins issued by the Department of Commerce earlier this year, Chinese producers have continued to ship dumped and subsidized products into this country at an alarming and unacceptable rate. This is devastating to our domestic solar manufacturing industry and costing us critical manufacturing jobs.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress


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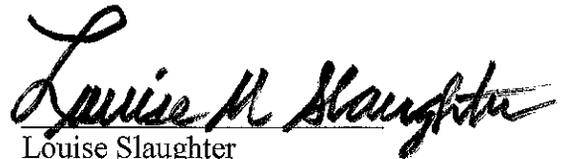
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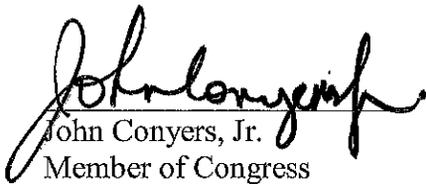
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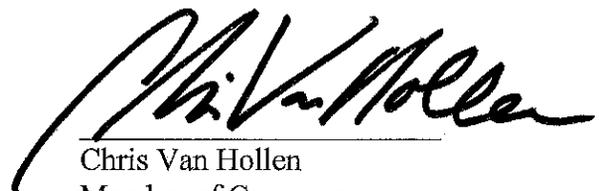
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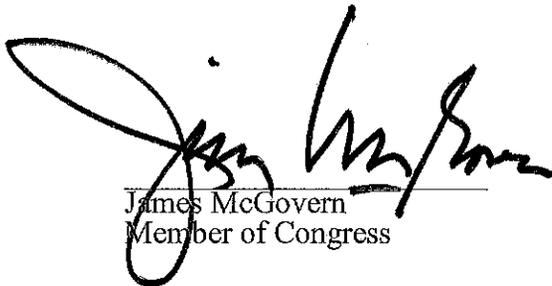
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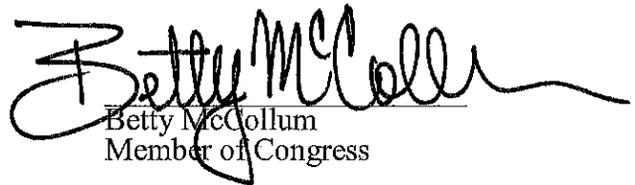
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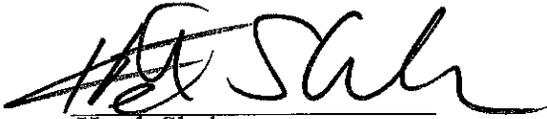


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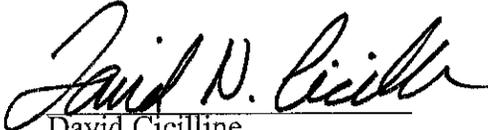
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