

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2013

The Hon. Irving A. Williamson  
Chairman  
U.S. International Trade Commission  
500 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20436

**Re: *Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Belarus, China, Indonesia, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, and Ukraine, Inv. Nos. 731-TA-873-875, 878-880, and 882***

Dear Chairman Williamson:

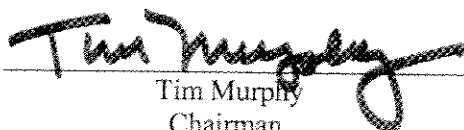
We write to urge the Commission to maintain the antidumping duty orders on unfairly-traded imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar ("rebar") from Belarus, China, Indonesia, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, and Ukraine. These trade remedies are critical to the economic vitality of the U.S. rebar industry and its workers.

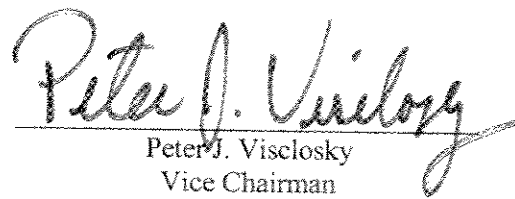
Rebar is an important steel product that is used extensively in the highway and construction industries. As members who represent workers and facilities manufacturing steel and rebar products, we are deeply concerned about the impact of unfairly-traded imports on the industry. A recent review by the Department of Commerce found that if the trade remedies were not continued, producers in these seven countries would resume dumping rebar into the United States at margins ranging from 16.99 percent to 232.86 percent. We are concerned that these imports would depress U.S. prices and injure U.S. producers.

The U.S. industry is currently operating at only about two-thirds of its capacity, and there are nearly 2,000 fewer rebar manufacturing workers than in 2007, with thousands more indirect jobs having been lost. Meanwhile, the seven subject countries have increased their rebar production capacity substantially over the last five years. For instance, China, wracked with oversupply caused by overproduction and a market slowdown, still produced 176 million metric tons of rebar in 2012. Just one percent of that would be more than enough to swamp the U.S. market. With economic slowdowns in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia, foreign producers in these countries will not hesitate to dump their excess steel into the United States, as they have in the past.

On behalf of the U.S. rebar manufacturers and their employees who have fought long and hard to compete on a level playing field, we strongly urge you to maintain the existing trade remedies against unfairly traded imports of rebar. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this critical issue.

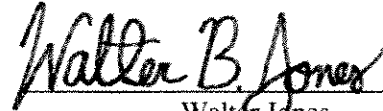
Sincerely,

  
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Chairman  
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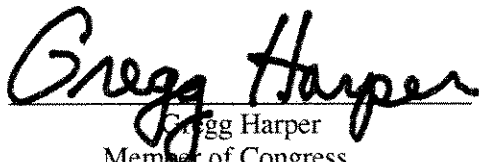
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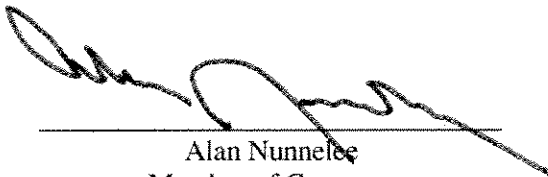
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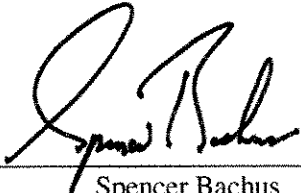
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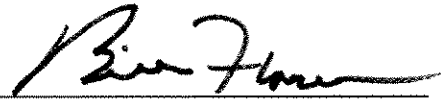
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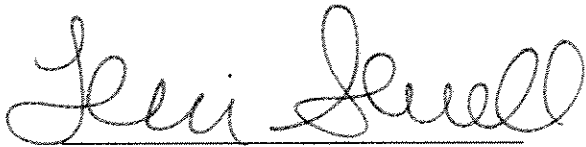
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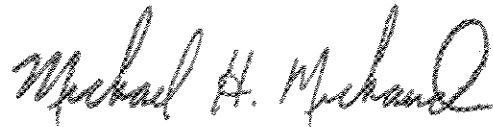
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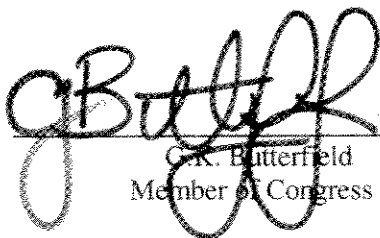
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