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The Honorable Deanna Tanner Okun, Chair  
United States International Trade Commission  
500 E Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20436

Dear Madam Chairman:

I am writing in reference to a five-year review of antidumping orders on magnesium from China and Russia (Investigation No. 731-TA-1071 and 1072) and to register my support for the revocation of these tariffs.

Antidumping orders imposing high barriers to imports from China and Russia are resulting in much higher costs for magnesium in the U.S. than anywhere else in the world. We have seen thousands of jobs lost or unable to be created since the inception of these orders with thousands more at stake. The continuance of these orders for another five years will drive more designers and users of magnesium products to select manufacturing suppliers outside the U.S. or select heavier materials that compromise product performance, fuel economy or competitiveness.

The decline in manufacturing output and employment has resulted in most cases from the high costs of magnesium alloy that are caused by these antidumping orders. U.S. manufacturers pay \$2.30 per pound on average for magnesium alloy, while manufacturers in Mexico, Canada and Europe pay \$1.50 per pound, and Chinese manufacturers pay \$1.36 per pound.

A manufacturer that employs over 1,600 people in the Fourth Congressional District of Arkansas has been forced to find foreign suppliers for magnesium parts to maintain competitiveness in its industry. The foreign supplied magnesium parts are not subject to the tariffs thus making them less expensive than domestically produced parts.

I urge you to support critical jobs in our manufacturing base by supporting the revocation of tariffs 731-TA-1071 and 731-TA-1072 on die cast magnesium alloys. Thank you for your continued leadership and your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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