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May 3, 2005

Mr. Kelly Parkhill, Director of Industry Support and Analysis
Import Administration
US Department of Commerce
Room 3713
14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Parkhill:

I have been asked by Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc., in my district, to contact you regarding the Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) System, a program of great importance to the American wire and wire products industry.

I am pleased with the Department of Commerce's decision to include wire rod, and carbon, stainless and other alloy steel wire in the revised SIMA system, which will be implemented on June 9, 2005. However, I would urge the Department of Commerce to extend coverage of its import monitoring program to include the following categories of steel wire products:

- 1) Steel wire strand and rope and cable (HTS 7312)
- 2) Barbed wire (HTS 7313)
- 3) Steel wire cloth, grill, netting, and fencing (HTS 7314)
- 4) Steel wire nails and staples (HTS 7317)
- 5) Steel springs (HTS 7320)
- 6) Steel wire garment hangers (HTS 7326.20.0020)

Wire and wire products are an important component of the steel industry, and, therefore, coverage of these products is essential to the effectiveness and integrity of the SIMA system.

Thank you for your assistance in insuring that this vital part of the American steel industry is included in this important program. If you have any questions, please contact my staff.

Sincerely,

Ray LaHood
Member of Congress

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