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

Dear Mr. Parkhill:

I write today on behalf of Johnstown Wire Technologies, Inc., based in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Johnstown Wire is a steel wire producer which employs over 260 employees in my state.

I am informed that the current Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) system does not include a number of my constituent's steel products. While I am pleased with the Department's decision to include carbon, stainless and other alloy steel drawn wire in the revised SIMA system, which will be implemented on June 9, 2005, I respectfully request that the Department consider extending coverage of its import monitoring program to include the following six 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 I am informed that coverage of these products would enhance the effectiveness and integrity of the SIMA system.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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