

United States Senate

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The Honorable James Jochum
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration
United States Trade Representative
Herbert C. Hoover Building
1041 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear James,

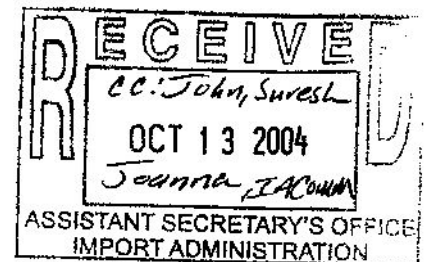
I am writing regarding two programs of great importance to the American wire and wire products industry – the OECD steel subsidy negotiations and the Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) System. Tennessee is home to a number of steel producing and consuming businesses, and these negotiations are important to their day-to-day operations.

Wire and wire products are an important component of the steel industry. I am asking that as you proceed with negotiations on these issues, you include carbon, stainless, and other alloy steel wire, as well as wire products, in the discussion. It is important that any truly comprehensive steel agreement include these products.

I am pleased to hear how supportive your office has been of the inclusion of these products in the steel subsidy negotiations, and I urge you to continue to press for a resumption of this discussion. Thank you for your hard work on this effort. Please do not hesitate to contact John Grant on my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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