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Mr. Kelly Parkhill
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Dear Mr. Parkhill,

I have been asked by some of my constituents to contact you regarding the Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) system – a program of great importance to the American wire products industry.

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 also urge the Department 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 ensuring that this vital part of the American steel industry is included in this important program. If you have any questions, please contact my Legislative Director David Plunkett at (202) 225-4231.

Sincerely,


BART GORDON
Member of Congress

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