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Mr. Kelly Parkhill
Director, Industry Support and Analysis
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Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Parkhill:

I have been asked by some constituents, including Bekaert Corporation in Shelbyville, Kentucky, 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

While I am pleased with the Department's decision to include carbon, stainless and other alloy steel wire 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 insuring that this vital part of the American steel industry is included in this important program. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Bergren on my staff at 202-3501.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Lewis". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "R" and "L".

RON LEWIS
Member of Congress