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The Honorable Don Evans  
Secretary of Commerce  
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Re: Requesting Opposition to Copper Export Control Petition

May 27, 2004

Dear Don Evans:

Our 60 year old scrap metal recycling and steel warehousing business is facing a potential threat that you have the power to thwart. We ask that both you and United States Trade Representative, The Honorable Robert Zoellick, oppose the copper export control petition and any future scrap metal petitions. By opposing these petitions, you will protect free trade, our business and our future.

The Copper and Brass Fabricators Council, Inc. and the Non-Ferrous Founders Society have filed an export control petition seeking protection of an allegedly short domestic copper supply with a Ferrous petition soon to follow. According to the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI), domestic copper and Ferrous metals supplies are not low and this petition is an attempt to control scrap prices harming our business and it's 70 employees.

Located in both the designated Empowerment and Enterprise Zones, Berman Bros., Inc. strives to reduce unemployment and poverty by hiring Work Opportunity target group members and Empowerment/Enterprise Zone residents while stimulating urban revitalization and economic development. Additionally, the nature of our business conserves our environment and its resources by saving energy, reclaiming landfill space, and reducing environmental contaminants. We ask that you, our Trade Representative please safeguard our employees and business by opposing the current export control petition on copper and any future petitions on scrap metal exports.

Sincerely,



Charles Berman  
President