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The Honorable Dan Evans, Secretary
Department of Commerce
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Dear Secretary Evans,

It was recently brought to our attention that some manufacturers that use copper (non-ferrous metal) have filed an export control petition to the Department of Commerce, asking that the export from American soil of copper be banned. As a scrap metal recycling business, we ask that you oppose this petition.


J. T. Knight, Inc. is a family owned and operated 100+ year-old scrap metal yard, dealing in primarily, non-ferrous scrap. We believe in free and open trade, something upon which our great nation was predicated. This move to petition the Commerce Department to ban the export of copper is a move to control the price of copper; that should be established by supply and demand, not government bans.

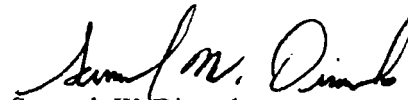
As a scrap metal business, we are members of, and support our trade association, ISRI, the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries. They agree that this petition would have a terrible adverse impact on scrap dealers everywhere.

As owners of a small business, we know the impact of rising prices on raw goods. But we feel that a good product should be available to EVERYONE for sale and purchase, and copper is included in that category – a good product.


Thank you, in advance, for looking into this matter on our behalf. If you could oppose the petition, we would certainly appreciate it. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to call us in Columbus, Georgia, at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

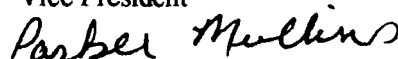

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