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The Honorable Donald L. Evans, Secretary
The United States Dept. of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., N. W.
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Evans,

I am writing on behalf of Ryder-Heil Bronze, Inc. to encourage your approval of the Petition for the Imposition of Monitoring and Controls With Respect to Exports from the United States of Copper Scrap and Copper Alloy Scrap. The Petition was filed on April 7, 2004 by the Non Ferrous Founders' Society (NFFS) of which we are a member.

Ryder-Heil Bronze, Inc., is a producer of copper-based castings. We have 31 employees working in our manufacturing facilities in Ohio. We produce bronze bearings, bushings, etc. for the press manufacturing facilities, heavy road machinery, mining machinery, and power plants. We rely on copper scrap as a key raw material to produce these products.

The increased demand for exports of copper-based scrap has had a dramatic impact on prices of the ingot we purchase from our smelters. As indicated by the data on the petition, the price increases are not the typical normal fluctuations in copper-based scrap. Indeed, contrary to the normal cycle, escalating prices and shortages of copper based scrap were evident even before the foundry industry began to recover from the recent 3 year downturn.

Thank you for your consideration of the Petition filed by NFFS, which we urge you to approve. We look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,

RYDER-HEIL BRONZE, INC.

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