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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-3804  
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Don Evans, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Herbert C. Hoover Building  
14<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Avenue  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Evans:

Hussey Copper, a copper producer located in Leetsdale, Pennsylvania, has been negatively impacted by the five-year increase in exports of copper and copper-alloy scrap. To relieve copper producers such as Hussey, I respectfully request your support for imposition of short-supply export controls and monitoring of exports of copper scrap and copper-alloy scrap from the U.S.

Hussey Copper is a producer of copper sheet, strip, and plate products and employs more than 300 individuals at its Leetdale manufacturing facility. Copper scrap is a key raw material in manufacturing these products and without relief Hussey will continue to face high prices for raw material and risk production outages.

The relief requested in the April 7, 2004 Petition for Imposition of Monitoring and Controls with Respect to Exports from the United States of Copper Scrap and Copper-Alloy Scrap (Petition) filed by the Copper and Brass Fabricators Council, Inc. – of which Hussey Copper is a member – is the only way that manufacturers such as Hussey Copper can seek the necessary relief from the increased export of copper scrap mainly to China.

Between 1999 and 2003, exports of copper-based scrap increased at a rate of 138.2 percent. Essentially all of the growth in U.S. exports of copper-based scrap in recent years has been attributable to rising demand in China, in fact exports of copper scrap to China grew by more than six-fold from 1999 to 2003.

Increased exports leads to a higher price for copper scrap, resulting in increased costs for the domestic industry. The industry has not been able to pass increased costs in raw materials to finished products. Even a partial pass through of costs carries the risk that users of brass mill products will lose market share to foreign competitors, or find it attractive to relocate their manufacturing facilities to low-priced non-market economies, notably China.

As the U.S. economy continues to expand, it is important that we remain vigilant to protect important industries throughout the economy. Failure to provide relief in the

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copper scrap market will have a negative financial impact on the copper-based industry, including Hussey Copper and its 300 employees in Leetsdale.

Again, I respectfully request approval of the petition and the granting of export controls and monitoring of copper scrap and copper-alloy scrap.

As always, if you have questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Hart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa Hart  
Member of Congress

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