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Ms. Brenda Becker
Assistant Secretary For Legislative
and Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Commerce Room 5421
14th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Ms. Becker:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence I received from Mr. Gregory Rochlin. The letter raises some serious concerns about the Export Control Act petition filed by the Copper and Brass Fabricators Council, Inc. I would certainly appreciate it if you would carefully review this matter and provide me with an appropriate response.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Paul Sarbanes
United States Senator

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May 25, 2004

The Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes
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Dear Senator Sarbanes,

I am writing this letter to oppose the export control petition the Copper and Brass Fabricators Council, Inc. and the Non-Ferrous Founders Society have recently filed, arguing that copper is in short supply in the U.S. and must be protected under section 7 (c) of the Export Control Act. As the President of the Mid Atlantic chapter of ISRI, the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and CEO of a scrap recycling business I know there is no shortage of copper scrap or ferrous scrap. Rather, the manufacturers who have filed, or may file, these petitions are attempting to control the price of scrap.

Companies like mine, Terrapin Recycling LLC, which employs 30 people in Baltimore, Maryland support and benefit our City and State in many ways. We recycle 100% of the scrap metal with which we deal. This eliminates waste, saves energy, therefore helping our environment. Copper and steel are global commodities. Scrap metal markets, like those of other commodities are cyclical. Their prices are not likely to be lowered by restricting exports. In fact, the history of past export controls suggests prices may rise higher.

Please ask the Secretary of Commerce to oppose the petition on controlling the export of copper or ferrous scrap.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory J. Rochlin", written in a cursive style.

Gregory J. Rochlin
President of Mid Atlantic Chapter of ISRI
President of Terrapin Recycling LLC