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## House of Representatives

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June 18, 2004

Honorable Don Evans  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
14th St & Constitution Ave., NW Rm 5858  
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary Evans:

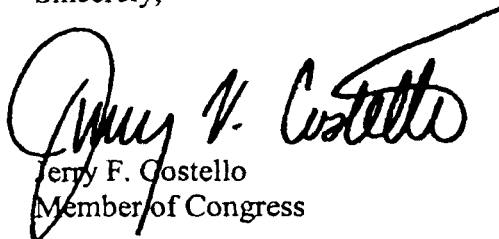
I am writing regarding a Petition for the Imposition of Monitoring and controls with Respect to Exports from the United States of Copper Scrap and Copper-Alloy Scrap that was filed on April 7, 2004 by the Copper and Brass Fabricators Council. I encourage you to approve this petition.

The production of semi-fabricated copper products, including copper and copper alloy sheet and strip, depends on copper scrap as a key raw material. The significant increase in scrap prices and a shortage of copper and copper-alloy scrap has resulted from an increase in exports of the raw materials over the past five years.

Because of the increase in scrap prices, producers, including the brass mill industry, have had to use a higher proportion of cathode, which has driven up their production costs even further—beyond the normal cyclical price increases.

The petition pending before you establishes that a shortage of scrap exists, related directly to increases in exports of copper scrap, and that prices have increased which has adversely affected the brass mill and copper foundry industries. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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