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The Honorable Donald Evans, Secretary
United States Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear Secretary Evans:

I write on behalf of Outokumpu American Brass, a company in my 27th District of New York, to request your approval of 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 with the Department of Commerce on April 7, 2004. As you are aware, the Petition requests the imposition of short-supply export controls and monitoring with respect to exports of copper scrap and copper alloy scrap from the United States under section 7 (c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979.

Outokumpu American Brass is a Member of the Copper and Brass Fabricators Council and a producer of semi-fabricated copper products. The company employs 650 employees in my district and relies on copper scrap as a key raw material in the production of copper and copper alloy sheet and strip. Outokumpu American Brass has experienced the alarming increase in scrap prices and the damaging short supply of copper and copper alloy scrap that has resulted from a corresponding increase in exports of these raw materials over the last five years.

The Petition establishes beyond a doubt that a shortage of copper scrap exists, that the shortage is directly related to increases in exports of copper scrap, that prices have risen dramatically, that the shortages and price increases have adversely affected the brass mill and copper foundry industries and that no other factor exceeds the impact on these industries that has occurred as a result of the short supply of copper scrap.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

Jack Quinn
Member of Congress

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