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The Honorable Don Evans, Secretary
Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Evans,

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 the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, and the 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 community in many ways. We recycle 100% of the scrap material 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 go up.

Please oppose the petition that has been filed by these manufacturers for their own pecuniary gain and not for the best interest of the American people.

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