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Mr. Peter Lichtenbaum  
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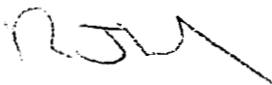
Dear Mr. Secretary:

My company manufactures copper based alloy systems used across a broad market base. Our operations have been directly affected by the increasingly volatile market conditions for copper, and copper and copper alloy scrap. Over the past three months alone, we have seen our raw material costs increase by more than 31%.

The increase in these costs is due to the unbridled growth in demand and anti-competitive trade policies of the Chinese government. Accordingly, we support the **Petition For The Imposition Of Monitoring And Controls With Respect To Exports From The United States Of Copper Scrap And Copper Alloy Scrap** filed by the Copper & Brass Fabricators Council and the Non-Ferrous Founders' Society on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

We further respectfully request that the Commerce Department accept this petition and initiate the investigations that will lead to the remedies requested in the petition.

Sincerely,



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