



April 16, 2004

Mr. Peter Lichtenbaum
Assistant Secretary-Designate for
Export Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Office of the Secretary
Room 3886C
14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20230

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Mueller Industries, Inc. is a leading manufacturer of several products, including copper tube and fittings; brass and copper alloy rod, bar, and shapes. 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 cost to acquire copper and copper scrap increase by more than 25%.

The increase in these costs is primarily due to the unbridled growth in demand and what we view as 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 7th.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bill Hensley'.

William H. Hensley
Mueller Industries, Inc.

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