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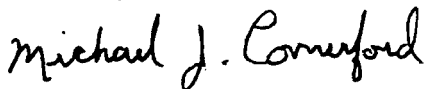
Dear Mr. Secretary:

My company manufactures copper and brass. Our operations have been directly affected by the increasingly volatile market conditions for copper, and copper and copper alloy scrap. During 2003, our raw material costs increased significantly. This increase has continued to escalate this year.

The increase in our 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 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,



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650 employees

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