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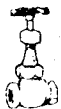
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April 13, 2004

Peter Lichtenbaum
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Dear Mr. Lichtenbaum:

As a brass & bronze valve manufacturer in North Carolina, our company has been directly affected by the volatile market conditions for copper scrap and copper alloy scrap. Over the past six months alone, we have seen our materials costs increase by more than 50%.

We believe that much of the increase in these costs is due to 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 therefore respectfully request that the Commerce Department accept this petition and initiate the investigations necessary to determine whether the remedies requested in the petition are justified.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Berkelhammer, President
United Brass Works Inc.

Cc: Bernard Kritzer,
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