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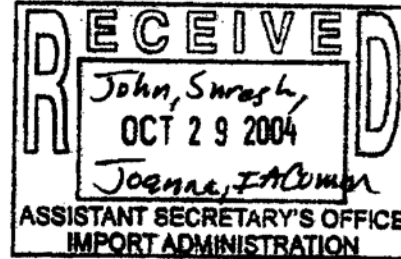
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The Honorable James Jochum  
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1401 Constitution Ave NW  
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Dear Secretary Jochum:

My constituents have asked me to contact you concerning two programs of great importance to the American wire and wire products industry—the OECD steel subsidy negotiations and the Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) System.

Since 1958, The Threaded Rod Company, Inc. has been an important small business in my district that produces wire and wire products. Nationwide, the domestic wire and wire products industry employs over 22,000 workers in over 160 plants and facilities located in 32 states. American manufacturers of steel wire and wire products have combined annual sales in excess of \$9.7 billion. In 2003, The Threaded Rod Company employed 24 production line workers and had \$5,435,651 in sales.

As you know, wire and wire products are an important component of the steel industry. I am asking that you give the utmost consideration to include these products in the scope of both of these programs. Carbon stainless and other alloy steel wire (HTS 7217, 7233 and 7229) and wire products – including wire strand and rope (HTS 7312, barbed wire (HTS 7313), wire cloth, grill, netting and fencing (HTS 7314), and wire nails and staples (HTS 7317) must be covered by any final steel subsidies agreement and included in the scope of the SIMA system.

I urge you to continue to press our trading partners to resume the negotiations for a steel subsidies agreement. This is an important endeavor for all of the U.S. steel industry.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Marti Thomas of my staff at (202) 226-7762.

Sincerely,

*Julia Carson*  
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