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Mr. Kelly Parkhill
Director of Industry Support and Analysis
Import Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Room 3713
14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Parkhill:

I am writing you concerning the Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis System (SIMA). As you know, this program is of great importance to the American wire and wire products industry.

I am pleased that the Department of Commerce plans to include wire rod and carbon, stainless and other alloy steel wire in the revised SIMA system. In addition to these products, I urge the Department to include in its import monitoring program the following categories of steel wire products:

1. Steel wire strand, rope, and cable (HTS 7312)
2. Barbed wire (HTS 7313)
3. Steel wire cloth, grill, netting and fencing (HTS 7314)
4. Steel wire nails and staples (HTS 7317)
5. Steel springs (HTS 7320)
6. Steel wire garment hangers (HTS 7326.20.0020)

Wire and wire products are important components of the steel industry. Including these products in the SIMA system will make the program more comprehensive and will increase its contribution to the performance of the American steel industry.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that this vital segment of the steel industry is included in the SIMA system. If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact Caroline Tess (202-224-5274) on my staff.

Sincerely,