# COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS 

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The Honorable Deanna Tanner Okun Chairman<br>U.S. International Trade Commission<br>500 E Street, S.W.<br>Washington, D.C. 20436

## Dear Chairman Okun:

The Committee on Ways and Means is interested in obtaining current information on the global competitiveness of the U.S. business jet aircraft industry. ${ }^{1}$ The U.S. business jet aircraft industry remains the most globally-successful producer of such aircraft. However, despite the current global economic downturn, new foreign companies have entered the market for business jet aircraft.

In order to better assess the current market conditions confronting the U.S. industry, we request that the U.S. International Trade Commission conduct an investigation under section $332(\mathrm{~g})$ of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. §1332(g)), and provide a report setting forth the results of the investigation. The report should include, to the extent practicable, a discussion and analysis of the structure and factors affecting the competitiveness of the business jet aircraft industry in the United States, Brazil, Canada, Europe, and China. To the extent that information is publically available, the report should discuss:

- the structure of the global industry, including supply chain relationships and foreign direct investment;
- an overview of the global market for business jet aircraft and recent developments, such as the economic downturn, that may have affected demand;
- an examination of production, consumption, sales, financing mechanisms, research and development, and business innovation;
- government policies and programs that focus on or otherwise involve the industry, including policies and programs affecting financing, aircraft research and development, and certification; and

[^0]- factors that may affect the future competitiveness of the U.S. business jet aircraft industry, such as workforce characteristics, changes in regional demand, and new or growing entrants through 2028.

The report should focus primarily on the 2006-2011 time period. The Committee requests that the Commission transmit its report to Congress no later than 11 months following the receipt of this request. It is the Committee's intent to make the Commission's report available to the public in its entirety. Therefore, the report should not contain any confidential business information.

Thank you for your attention to this request.



[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Business jet aircraft for the purposes of this request are defined as very light jets to larger jets with a maximum takeoff weight of 50,000 pounds or less.

