



February 14, 2022

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
House of Representatives

Dear Leaders Pelosi, Schumer, McCarthy, and McConnell:

As US manufacturers and producers along with members of the Committee to Support US Trade Laws (CSUSTL), we write to commend Congress for moving forward legislation aimed at enhancing American competitiveness against China, and to ask that any final legislation include Senator Brown and Portman's and Representative Sewell and Johnson's Eliminating Global Market Distortions to Protect American Jobs Act, also known as Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0.

Passage of the United States Innovation and Competition Act of 2021 in the Senate and the America Competes Act of 2022 in the House provide our nation with a singular opportunity to address and resolve many of the long-standing issues that have significantly strained our relationship with China. Any final package will be incomplete if it does not address China's predatory economic behavior, which forms the core of the inequities and imbalances in the US-China relationship. Every effort should be made to conclude a package that is comprehensive in its scope and effectively supports US economic competitiveness across domestic industries such as ours that have been adversely impacted by China.

In support of American workers across the country, Congress should come together in open and thoughtful discussion and find those items on which there can be bipartisan agreement. For far too long, Chinese manipulation of the global trading market and evasion of reasonable regulatory controls on international trade have devastated the economies of communities throughout the United States. A worker-centered trade policy depends upon the development and implementation of 21st century tools to counteract these harmful practices.

This is why we support the bipartisan Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0. We urge that any final legislation adopt the trade remedy law improvements title from the America COMPETES Act. These provisions have strong bipartisan support and are a much-needed modernization of the rules that address the new, and evolving, unfair trade practices of China and other trading partners, such as cross-border subsidies provided by China through the Belt and Road Initiative. Passing a China competition bill without a meaningful trade enforcement title would be a serious missed opportunity for all of our American companies, industries and workers.

CSUSTL is a national organization of companies, trade associations, labor unions, agriculture groups and individuals located in all 50 states of the nation totaling 434 member groups representing 171 industries, including manufacturing, technology, agriculture, mining, energy, and services.

Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Engines:

Briggs & Stratton (WI, MO, AL, GA, NY, CA)

Furniture:

Copeland Furniture (VT)

Century Furniture (NC)

Gat Creek (WV)

Vaughn-Bassett Furniture (VA)

Hardwood plywood:

Columbia Forest Products (NC)

Timber Products (OR)

States Industries LLC (OR)

Commonwealth Plywood (NY)

Laminated woven sacks:

Polytex (TX)

Large diameter welded pipe:

Dura-Bond Industries, Inc. (PA)

Trinity Products, LLC (MO)

Nucor Skyline (SC)

Berg Pipe (FL, AL)

Stupp Corp. (LA)

Welspun (AR)

AMERICAN Cast Iron Pipe Company (AL)

Greens Bayou Pipe Mill (TX)

JSW Steel USA (TX)

Magnesia bricks:

Resco Products (IN)

Magnesium:

US Magnesium (UT)

Paper:

Domtar Corporation (SC, GA, MN, NC, IL, TN, TX, PA, KY, OH, AR, MI)

Verso Corporation (OH, WI, MI)

Appvion LLC (WI)

ProAmpac (WI, IL, NY, OH, AR, NC, MO, AL)

HarbisonWalker International (MI)

Liberty Greenleaf (AZ, TN)
North Pacific Paper Company (WA)
Iconex LLC (GA, TN, MO, NV, VA, AZ)

Piping Systems, Climate Products, and Industrial Metals:

Mueller Industries, Inc. and U.S. subsidiaries (AR, AZ, CA, CT, FL, GA, IN, IL, MD, MI, MO, MS, NJ, OH, PA, NC, TN, TX, UT, VA)

Quartz surface products:

Cambria Company LLC (MN)

Refillable stainless steel kegs:

American Keg Company (PA)

Retail carrier bags:

Unistar Plastics, LLC (LA, TX)
Superbag (TX)

Shrimp:

Erickson & Jensen Seafood Packers (FL)
Reyes Trawlers Inc. (TX)
JBS Seafood Processors (TX)
Texas Pack, Inc. (TX)
Aransas Pass Seafood (TX)
Superior Seafood Inc. (FL)
Texas Gold Shrimp (TX)
Versaggi Shrimp Corp. (FL)
Versaggi Seafood LLC (FL)
Groomer's Seafood (TX)
G & O Shrimp Company (TX)
Zimco Marine LLC (TX)
Redemption Fishery LLC (FL)
Bodden & Caddell, Inc. (TX)
Vessel Southern Grace (FL)
Vessel Miss Kathi LLC (FL)
Vessel Amber Jean LLC (FL)
Vessel Master Dalton LLC (FL)
Vessel Alima Jean LLC (FL)
Vessel Alexa Rae (FL)
Vessel Our Boys Inc. (FL)
Miss Linda Inc. (TX)
Rodco Marine Supply, Inc. (TX)
Big Easy Foods (LA)
Trico Shrimp Co. (FL)
Co-Pak, LLC (TX)
WWJT, Inc. (VA)
A & P Trawlers, Inc. (TX)
Renee Lynn, Inc. (FL)
Dale Seafood, Inc. (FL)
Stella Mestre, Inc. (FL)
Miz Shirley, Inc. (FL)

S&S Sales, Inc. (TX)
Kenon Trawlers (TX)
Twin City Trawlers (TX)
Tipps Bait Camp (TX)
Sanders Inc. (TX)
Martinez Inc. (TX)
Crittter Getter (FL)
B.F. Millis & Sons, Inc. (NC)
Davis Seafood (NC)
F/V Capt. Ben (NC)
F/V Debbie Jean (NC)
F/V Claire Skye (NC)
F/V Everett Gene (NC)
F/V Capt. Redd (NC)
F/V Adallyn Nicole (NC)
F/V White Lighting (NC)
F/V Tucker J (NC)
F/V Olivia Noel (NC)
Bosarge Boats (MS)
F/V Lady Paige (MS)
F/V Simple Man (MS)
F/V Reva Rose (MS)
F/V Capt Wick (MS)
F/V Jessica Marie (MS)
Dubberly's Seafood (GA)
F/V Daddy's Boy (GA)
F/V Jenna Renee (GA)
Southeastern Seafood Company (GA)
Wait-N-Sea Inc. (GA)
Gale Force Inc. (GA)
Island Air Inc. (GA)
F/V Amanda Lyn (GA)
F/V Miss Joyce (GA)
CJ Seafood, LLC (SC)
F/V Lydia Leigh (SC)
F/V Gracie Belle (SC)
F/V Palmetto Pride (SC)

Solar panels:

First Solar, Inc. (OH)
Heliene, Inc. (MN)
Suniva Inc. (GA)
Q CELLS America (GA)
Auxin Solar, Inc. (CA)

Steel:

Nucor Corporation (NC) (nearly 30,000 teammates at more than 300 operating facilities)
Commercial Metals Company (TX) (over 11,000 workers in 28 states)
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. (OH headquartered; more than 26,000 employees)
SSAB Americas
Steel Dynamics, Inc. (IN)

North American Stainless (KY)
United States Steel Corporation

Steel bar grating:

Interstate Gratings (UT)
Vulcraft Texas (TX)
Lichtgitter USA (TX)

Steel Forgings:

Ellwood Group, Inc. (PA)

Steel pipe & tube:

Atkore International (IL)
Axis Pipe & Tube (TX)
Bull Moose Tube (MO)
Lock Joint Tube (IN)
Maruichi American Corporation (CA)
Maruichi Oregon Steel Tube LLC (OR)
Nucor Tubular Products (IL)
PTC Alliance (PA)
Searing Industries (CA)
Synalloy (TN)
Vallourec Star (TX)
Vest, Inc. (CA)
Webco Industries (OK)
Welded Tube (NY)
Zekelman Industries (IL)

Steel racks:

Hannibal Industries, a Nucor Company (CA)
Heartland Steel Products (MI)
Ridg-U-Rak (PA)
Speedrack Products Group, Ltd. (MI)
Steel King (MI)
Tri-boro Rack (VA)
UNARCO Material Handling, Inc. (TN)
Husky Rack (NC)

Steel wheels:

Accuride Corporation (IN)

Trade Associations/Unions:

American Iron & Steel Institute
American Shrimp Processors Association
Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute
Coalition of American Flange Producers
Coalition of Freight Coupling Producers
Coalition for a Prosperous America
Committee To Support U.S. Trade Laws
Diamond Sawblade Manufacturers Coalition
Fresh Garlic Producers Association

Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association
Louisiana Shrimp Association
North Carolina Fisheries Association, Inc.
Paper Receipts Converting Association
Port Arthur Area Shrimpers Association
Southern Shrimp Alliance
Steel Manufacturers Association
Texas Shrimp Association
United Steelworkers
Wind Tower Trade Coalition

Truck trailer chassis:

Hercules Enterprises (NJ)
Stoughton Trailers, LLC (WI)
Cheetah Chassis Corp. (PA, SC)

Wood mouldings:

Woodgrain Millwork (ID)
Sierra Pacific Industries (CA)
Endura Products (NC)
Cascade Wood Products, Inc. (OR)
Yuba River Moulding (CA)
Sunset Moulding Company (CA)
Bright Wood Corporation (OR)