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Mr. Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.
United States Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20230

RE: Investigations 701--TA -- 584 and 731-- TA--1382

Dear Secretary Ross,

I have recently been made aware of a proposed tariffs that would significantly impact several industries important to Florida and our nation's economy.

The proposal is in the form of a petition from a single facility in Washington state that seeks to place a tariff on uncoated groundwood paper (UGW) from Canada. UGW is used in the production of newspapers, directories, book publishing and circulars. A coalition representing U.S. newspapers, printers, UGW paper producers and other related industries, has been formed to oppose the petition of the North Pacific Paper Company (NORPAC), a small company owned by One Rock Capital Partners hedge fund. Florida's economy includes all of the industries who oppose this tariff. In addition, the U.S. trade associations representing the various industries are on record in opposition to the proposed tariff.

It is our hope at Associated Industries of Florida, *the Voice of Florida business since 1920*, that in considering this tariff, the Department of Commerce will make a decision that will support the greatest number of U.S. companies and jobs which are so important to Florida and the entire U.S. economy.

Sincerely,


Tom Feeney
President & Chief Executive Officer