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The Honorable Wilbur Ross
Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue N.W.
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The Honorable Robert E. Lighthizer
United States Trade Representative
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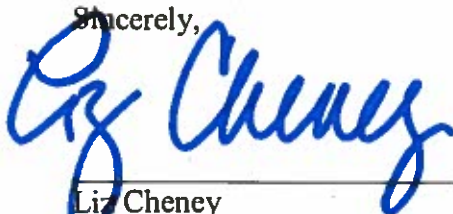
Dear Secretary Ross and Ambassador Lighthizer,

It has come to my attention that the International Trade Commission initiated an investigation into Canada's imports of uncoated groundwood paper, which our domestic newsprint and printing industries heavily rely on. While you consider any punitive Canadian tariffs, I respectfully urge you to weigh the consequences such tariffs could have on the U.S. printing and newsprint industries and the rural communities they serve.

The newsprint and commercial printing industry employs more than 600,000 people across the nation. This \$82 billion industry is a crucial component to many large supply chains. New anti-dumping duties have the potential to negatively impact thousands of U.S. manufacturing jobs, many of which are in rural America. Additionally, action against Canadian uncoated groundwood paper could cause significant harm to the newsprint industry which is already hurting due to the marketplace's shift toward digital media alternatives. Despite this change, much of rural America still relies on its local newspapers. These small-town businesses are already struggling due to a decline in demand by 75% since 2000, and a new tariff would be detrimental to their businesses.

As you continue investigating Canadian uncoated groundwood paper imports and consider whether action is necessary, I ask that you assess the potential economic impacts any punitive duties could have on American jobs and the rural communities that still depend on their local newspapers.

Sincerely,



Liz Cheney
Member of Congress