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The Honorable Wilbur Ross
Secretary of Commerce
United States Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

In Re: Uncoated Groundwood Paper from Canada, Inv. Nos. C-122-862 and A-122-861

Dear Secretary Ross,

The Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce is concerned with the impact of additional tariffs on the import of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada to our local community newspaper and all local newspapers located in South and North Carolina. We urge you to fully consider the severe impact additional expense would have on newsprint producers, customers and many communities.

The newspaper industry is facing duties on Canadian newsprint which could be catastrophic for publishers like the Lancaster News in South Carolina and other similar sized papers across the United States. These changes have already resulted in nationwide increases in newsprint prices. Tariffs will not help US paper producers and is why the industry organization for US paper producers, the American Forest and Paper Association, does not support NORPAC's case.

We understand these tariffs are being collected now at the US/Canadian border and are in escrow until final findings are complete. Newsprint producers are already escalating their prices to US newspapers. The harm to newspapers has already begun.

People who live in Lancaster, Van Wyck, Heath Springs and Kershaw, cities and townships located in Lancaster County, all rely and depend on our local newspaper. These petitions from one paper mill threaten to put our local newspapers out of business and cut off small-town America from our local news as well as marketing opportunities that are vital to economic growth for our local businesses.

We can't let this happen in Lancaster County, South Carolina or the rest of our great nation. We urge you to use your discretion to revisit the domestic industry's support of this petition and consider the adverse impact to domestic manufacturers and publishers before proceeding with these investigations.

Sincerely,

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Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce