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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

The Honorable Rhonda K. Schmidlein
Chairwoman
United States International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20436

Re: Uncoated Groundwood Paper from Canada, Investigation Nos. 701-TA-584 and 731-TA-1382

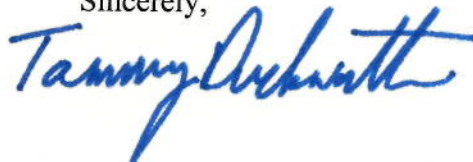
Dear Chairwoman Schmidlein:

I am writing to you regarding the recent affirmative preliminary determination by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) in the antidumping and countervailing duty investigation of imports of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada. As you know, the International Trade Commission must now make a final determination on whether the dumped imports have injured domestic manufacturers.

I agree with Commerce's efforts to level the playing field for American companies by combating illegal dumping and improper subsidizing of foreign goods. However, I am concerned that the proposed tariffs on uncoated groundwood paper from Canada – being considered at the request of a lone U.S. mill – could have wide-ranging and negative consequences for the American newsprint and publishing industry, which supports over 46,000 jobs in my home State of Illinois alone. U.S. trade law should serve as a remedy to unfair trade practices by foreign competitors, not as a tool to create an unfair playing field for certain domestic businesses.

I am concerned that finalizing these tariffs will cause significant harm to the print industry in Illinois and across the U.S. I urge you to take into consideration the impact these tariffs will have on the print industry before you make a final determination. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



Tammy Duckworth
United States Senator