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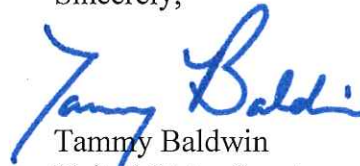
Dear Commissioners:

I write to you today regarding your antidumping and countervailing duty investigation into uncoated groundwood paper from Canada. As you know, I have testified the before the Commission on several previous occasions regarding the impact of dumping and foreign government subsidies on Wisconsin industries. I am a strong supporter of our nation's trade remedy laws and have encouraged their robust use to ensure that American workers are afforded the opportunity to compete on a level playing field.

The uncoated groundwood case presents several unique challenges to you—the administrators of our nation's trade remedies. These rules require support from more than 50 percent of the domestic producers in order for a petition to move forward. In this case, there is only one petitioner, North Pacific Paper Company (NORPAC), based in Washington. Several other domestic producers of uncoated groundwood have sold or moved U.S. operations in recent years. Further complicating matters, the North American paper and printing supply chain is significantly integrated with Canada. Given these factors, I urge you to carefully review the support that this petition enjoys among domestic producers of uncoated groundwood paper.

The paper industry, along with its downstream partners in the printing and publishing industries, have endured significant headwinds from declining demand and unfair trade practices from countries like China over the last few decades. I have seen the impact of this decline on Wisconsin communities first-hand. As you weigh the arguments in this case, I urge you to keep in mind the impact of your decision on these communities.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator