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July 10, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross
Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20230

The Honorable Robert E. Lighthizer
U.S. Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508

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

Dear Secretary Ross and Ambassador Lighthizer:

I write to express my concerns regarding the Department of Commerce's affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty on imports of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada. I urge you to take into consideration the damaging effects this decision could have on the U.S. paper manufacturing industry as well as hundreds of local businesses in Texas and thousands more nationwide.

In January of this year, the Commerce Department placed a preliminary duty on producers and exporters of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada that ranges from 4.42 percent to 9.93 percent of the wholesale price. In March, the Commerce Department imposed a preliminary anti-dumping duty of 22.16 percent for some Canadian producers and exporters. The end result of these measures could be increased costs for the U.S. newspaper publishing and commercial printing sectors which employ more than 600,000 hardworking Americans across the United States.

I urge you to consider the concerns and negative impact these industries are already experiencing along with further potential devastating effects they might further experience as you continue to examine this matter and weigh the decision of making these tariffs permanent. Please do not hesitate to contact my office to discuss further.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John R. Carter".

John R. Carter
Member of Congress