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The Honorable Wilbur Ross
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David Johanson, Chairman
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Dear Secretary Ross and Chairman Johanson:

We write in regard to the pending anti-dumping and countervailing duty case involving imports of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada. Since tariffs were imposed on groundwood paper earlier this year, the price of newsprint source materials has risen, putting a strain on Colorado newspapers and printers. We ask you to consider these concerns when the Department of Commerce and International Trade Commission make a final decision on this case.

While Colorado newspapers and printers buy and consume almost all their newsprint from American mills, mostly from the Pacific Northwest, pricing is tied to a standard index for both domestic and Canadian suppliers. As a result, Colorado newspapers and printers have experienced an average 20 percent increase in newsprint cost this year. Newsprint makes up more than 70 percent of the average cost of printing a newspaper. Newspapers are also seeing substantial supply problems, often only having one week of supply on hand when they prefer 30 days.

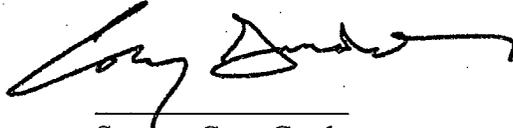
Colorado newspapers and printers are already experiencing difficult times as readers consume news in a variety of ways and advertisers have a multitude of marketing options. Up to now, newspaper media have adapted and tried to weather the storm, but few have the means to absorb these increases and will have to react if the tariffs are made permanent in August or September. That would negatively affect the Colorado economy as newspapers and printers will further cut staffing, in-kind advertising donations from publications to non-profits will be significantly reduced, and it is possible some small Colorado newspapers will be forced to close. All of this could make it more difficult for the public to receive news about current events and their communities.

We respectfully ask you consider these Colorado-based concerns when making a final decision on the case. Thank you for your time and attention.

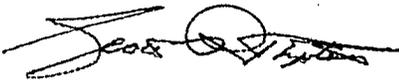
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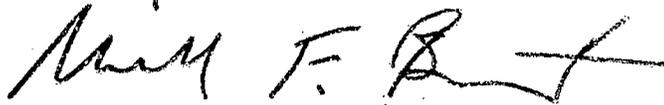
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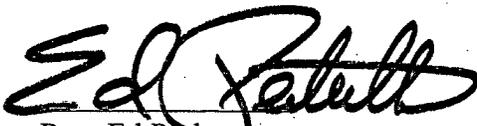
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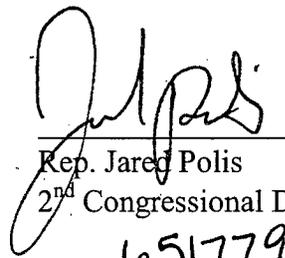
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