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The Honorable Wilbur Ross, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Ross,

I have received the enclosed correspondence from the North Pacific Paper Company (NORPAC) regarding their support for the Department's antidumping and countervailing duty petition cases filed in August 2017. They note that Canadian subsidized uncoated groundwood (UGW) paper gives an unfair advantage over American producers, and ask the Department to consider actions to address these unfair actions. As a courtesy, I request that you give their concerns a full review. I have enclosed a copy of related documentation for your reference.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jaime Herrera Beutler
Member of Congress

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March 14, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.
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RE: Protecting American Jobs in the Paper Industry

Dear Secretary Ross:

On behalf of the North Pacific Paper Company (NORPAC), our employees, their families the communities across Southwest Washington I write to you today in regard to the antidumping and countervailing duty petition cases that were filed in August 2017.

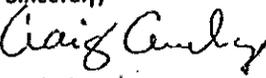
Ensuring that U.S. companies can compete fairly is absolutely critical to preserving manufacturing jobs in the United States. As uncoated groundwood paper mills have closed all over the United States, Canadian paper mills have shuttered capacity at a far slower rate due to the numerous and meaningful subsidies they receive from their governments. NORPAC is one of the largest, most efficient paper mills in the United States. It can compete against any producer in the world given a level playing field, but right now the field is skewed by pervasive unfair trade practices.

Today, there are uncoated groundwood paper mills operating in only a few states. These mills support family-wage jobs and countless community businesses and supporting industries. NORPAC is one of only two remaining U.S. owned groundwood paper mills and is one of the largest employers in rural Southwest Washington, a region with some of the highest rural unemployment in the state. NORPAC has well over 300 skilled employees and has more than 100 contractors with hundreds more suppliers and transportation providers directly serving the business.

Since 2012, unfair competition has resulted in the closure of more than ten American mills, the loss of approximately 2,150 well-paying jobs, and the reduction of U.S. paper capacity to make uncoated groundwood paper of nearly 70 percent. During this time, U.S. producers' share of the American market has plummeted from 60 percent to 36 percent while Canadian imports have remained unchanged.

As found in the preliminary determination in the countervailing duty case, Canadian governments provided countervailable subsidies under 34 subsidy programs, and subsidy rates averaged 6.5 percent. We also understand that you are continuing your investigation into an additional 29 alleged subsidy programs.

For all these reasons, we ask that you use all the means at your disposal to address unfair trade in uncoated groundwood paper from Canada, and look forward to your final determinations.

Sincerely,

Craig Anneberg
CEO NORPAC

Missouri Johnson, Marcellina (Federal)

From: Rankin, Alex (Federal)
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 1:17 PM
To: Missouri Johnson, Marcellina (Federal); Jones, Sarah (Federal)
Subject: FW: Herrera Beutler Cover Letter to Commerce
Attachments: NORPAC Cover Letter and Attachment to Department of Commerce.pdf

· Marcy and Sarah,

Please see attached a new letter to the Secretary.

· Thanks,
Alex