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The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

O.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARIA
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Re: Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations regarding Imports of Certain Uncoated Groundwood Paper from Canada (Case No. C-122-862)

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I write to express my concern regarding the antidumping ("AD") and countervailing duty ("CVD") investigations the Department of Commerce is conducting on imports of certain uncoated groundwood paper from Canada. As the investigations progress, I urge you to consider the newspaper and commercial printing companies throughout the United States that will suffer from the preliminary AD/CVD tariffs which combined reach as high as a 28.6 percent.

The petitioner in this case, North Pacific Paper Company (NORPAC), does not accurately represent the domestic printing and publishing industry. NORPAC, located in Washington State, is owned by a New York hedge fund and is the only U.S. producer of uncoated groundwood paper. NORPAC, an outlier in the domestic printing industry, seeks AD/CVD tariffs out of its individual financial interest. American Forest and Paper Association, as well as their major U.S. customers, oppose NORPAC's petitions. NORPAC's anti-competitive behavior has saddled U.S. printing and publishing companies with dramatic cost increases for this investigation.

My colleagues and I previously wrote to you and Ambassador Lighthizer regarding the pending AD/CVD investigations in a letter on December 21, 2017. My concerns since then have grown as it becomes clear these tariffs raise costs, eliminating the benefits of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act which strengthened the economy. In an increasingly difficult market, these tariffs only hurt domestic printing and publishing companies further. U.S. paper companies are faced with higher costs that they must pass on to the American people. This is evident in my own district, where a publishing company in Greenville with 115 hardworking employees has cited an annual cost increase of more than \$250,000 from the tariffs.

I respectfully urge you to consider the negative impact these tariffs have on the American industry as the Commerce Department makes its final determination later this year.

Sincerely,


JOHN MOOLEENAAR
Member of Congress

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Missouri Johnson, Marcellina (Federal)

From: Rankin, Alex (Federal)
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 2:25 PM
To: Missouri Johnson, Marcellina (Federal); Jones, Sarah (Federal)
Subject: FW: Letter to Secretary Ross - Uncoated Groundwood Paper from Canada
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Marcy and Sarah,

Please see attached a new letter to the Secretary. I did not see in DBD – have either of you seen this yet?

Thanks,
Alex