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Uncoated Groundwood Paper from Canada
Investigation Nos. 701-TA-584 and 731-TA-1382 (Final)

Chairman Johanson and Commissioners, I appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony regarding your investigations of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada.

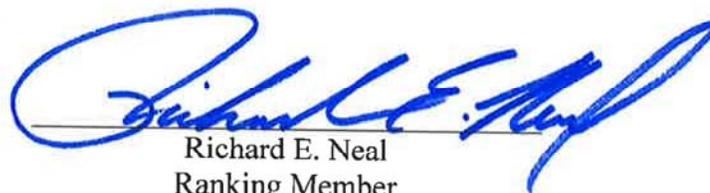
I have long been a strong advocate for the aggressive enforcement of U.S. trade remedies laws. The United States International Trade Commission has played a critical role, alongside the U.S. Department of Commerce, in executing the laws passed by the United States Congress and ensuring that U.S. industries are not harmed by unfair trading practices. Robust enforcement of our trade laws, in my view, is key to capturing broad support for a rules-based international trading regime.

As you consider these investigations, I would like to highlight the unique circumstances these proceedings could have on local newspapers. As you know, uncoated groundwood paper covers a variety of different types of paper, including newsprint.

The newspaper industry has weathered enormous changes over the past few decades, including the transition of many readers to online news sources. These changes have been particularly difficult for local newspapers, given their size and limited resources. The transition has left many local newspapers in a precarious economic position. In addition to these challenges, many newspapers have struggled to manage costs resulting from U.S. Customs and Border Protection's collection of cash deposits in March to cover the estimated tariffs as a result of the Department of Commerce's preliminary determination in this case.

Despite dramatic changes to the industry, many local newspapers still play a vital role in communities across the country. For example, *The Republican*, a newspaper based in my district, provides crucial services to citizens across western Massachusetts, including information regarding local government, job listings, housing opportunities, and community events. It is also important that policymakers in Congress and the Administration support maintaining the viability of local newspapers like *The Republican*.

With this in mind, I urge the Commission to closely review the evidence submitted in this proceeding. I appreciate your work on these important investigations and thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



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