

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 24, 2021

The Honorable Jason E. Kearns
Chairman
United States International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20436

Re: Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires (PVLТ) from Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam, Inv. Nos. 701-TA-647 and 731-TA-1517-1520 (Final)

Dear Chairman Kearns:

As members who support a robust U.S. manufacturing sector, we recognize the importance of having a level playing field that ensures fair competition for companies and workers across this country. This industry is an important contributor to the nation's manufacturing sector. Due to chronic unfair trade the industry has been repeatedly harmed by unfairly traded imports over the years, including the dumped and subsidized imports from Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam that are covered in this investigation.

We have followed this matter as it has moved to the final phase in the investigation at the Commerce Department and the International Trade Commission. Our constituents were pleased to receive an affirmative preliminary determination from the Commission as well as preliminary AD/CVD determinations from the Commerce Department. These preliminary margins ranged from 6.23 to 98.44 percent. We understand that Commerce will issue final determinations in the investigation soon and is continuing their review of the allegation of currency undervaluation as a countervailable subsidy under new rules that were announced in February 2020. The issue of currency undervaluation has been a priority for Congress and the Administration.

The PVLТ tire industry is essential to our transportation sector and provides highly skilled, good wage jobs that enable workers to support their families and strengthen the local communities where they reside. We remain committed to support these companies and workers and want to be certain that they can continue to make quality products for customers in an environment that provides a level playing field. Open and fair trade can only succeed if we all adhere to global trading rules – in this instance the PVLТ industry is being forced to compete with foreign competitors that have chosen to ignore these rules. Every unfairly traded import provides a lost opportunity for these companies and workers and we need to be sure that this trend does not continue. Our country has faced severe hardship over the past year and as we take steps on a path

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to recovery, we must also take proactive measures that will maintain a robust manufacturing sector and workforce.

We believe it is important that the PVLТ industry and its workers that have been injured by unfair trade practices receive a remedy that will allow them to regain their footing and compete now and into the future. On behalf of these companies and their workers we ask that the Commission give careful consideration to the impact these imports have had on the industry and take appropriate action that will provide relief for the industry. We thank the Commission for providing us with this opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Sincerely,



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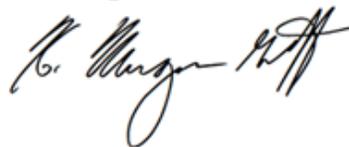
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