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October 10, 2003

The Honorable James J. Jochum  
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce, Central Records Unit, Room 1870  
Pennsylvania Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Re: Section 201 Duties

Dear Assistant Secretary Jochum:

I support the Commerce Department's decision to impose a combined 27 percent countervailing and anti-dumping duty on Canadian softwood lumber imports. Unfortunately, Commerce's decision has not solved the problem of subsidized Canadian lumber imports nor stemmed the flood of unfairly traded lumber being dumped into the U.S. Subsidized and dumped Canadian softwood lumber imports continue to devastate both lumber mills and landowners in my district. They are decimating the U.S. forest products industry, eliminating thousands of jobs and undermining the value of timberland to millions of private owners.

To fully address the problem and to fully offset unfair trade by Canada, I urge the Department of Commerce to include countervailing duties as a cost of production in calculating antidumping duties. Such a decision would be consistent with policies followed by both the European Union and by Canada. Since countervailing duties are meant to offset subsidies received by a foreign competitor, they are a proxy for costs that that competitor would otherwise bear in a competitive marketplace. As such when that same competitor has been proven to be dumping its product into the U.S., it is only logical, and consistent with U.S. law, that such countervailing duties be included in the calculation of the antidumping duty. To do otherwise would mean the Department is failing to fully offset the value of subsidies foreign competitors receive.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

With warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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