December 16, 2014

MEMORANDUM TO: The File

FROM: Eric B. Greynolds
Program Manager
Office III, Operations

RE: Countervailing Duty (CVD) Administrative Review on Aluminum Extrusions from the People’s Republic of China (PRC)

SUBJECT: Placement of Letter Received from Member of the United States Senate on the Record

Attached is a letter from United States Senator Mitch McConnell in connection with the above-referenced CVD administrative review.
December 11, 2014

The Honorable Paul Piquado  
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Fourteenth Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Piquado:

I write on behalf of my constituents at Kentucky’s Cardinal Aluminum. Cardinal, an aluminum extruder, employs over 500 people in Louisville and plays a vital economic role in the Commonwealth. My constituents have informed me that unfair trade practices from China are once again threatening Kentucky jobs.

In 2012, I introduced legislation with my Senate colleagues that—once enacted into law—allowed the Department of Commerce (DOC) to impose countervailing duties on certain imports from communist and non-market countries. This law and DOC’s subsequent implementation of countervailing duties and anti-dumping measures on a number of U.S. imports subsidized by foreign governments helped protect over a thousand Kentucky jobs.

Unfortunately, my constituents have informed me that they believe certain exporters are engaged in aluminum alloy dumping activities in the U.S. market. My constituents have conveyed to me that these and related injurious trade practices abroad have already led to a reduction in more than 75 jobs and threaten additional Kentucky jobs if no action is taken.

I am told that your department plans to review the scope of countervailing duties and anti-dumping duties that are intended to prevent these abuses of international trade practices. In addition to their concerns surrounding potential dumping activities, my constituents have expressed to me their concerns regarding the metrics involved in this review process.

As your department proceeds with its review—and other related investigations to curb unfair trade practices—I ask that you give full and fair consideration to the concerns of my constituents. I have enclosed their correspondence for your convenience.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

MITCH McCONNELL  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

MM/ef
December 9, 2014

Senator Mitch McConnell,

On behalf of Cardinal Aluminum, which has two facilities in Louisville, KY, I am writing to you on issues of critical importance to my company, its workers, and the domestic industry. We are deeply grateful for your consistent support of the domestic industry and are hoping to enlist your support once again.

Unfortunately, the trade relief that the domestic industry fought so hard to obtain only a few years ago is once again at risk due to a number of recent determinations made by the Department of the Commerce that have improperly narrowed the scope of the anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders. This relief is also threatened by the Department's improper reliance on a London Metals Exchange benchmark in the current administrative review of the countervailing duty order. The successful resolution of these two issues is critical to the future success of the industry.

We have experienced a $4 million dollar loss in revenue and 75 jobs due to the circumvention of the AD's and CVD's alone!

As a result, we are seeking support for a letter that will be addressed to Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance Paul Piquado, which discusses these issues, and their importance to the industry. We would like to file this letter this week and would greatly appreciate your support.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and thank you again for your continued support!

Best regards,

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