Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Brett Doyle
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20436

Dear Chairman Doyle,

We write in support of submissions before the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) to protect the domestic petroleum wax candle industry from predatory pricing practices by foreign, Chinese candle manufacturers. The Commission recently initiated its sixth sunset review of the antidumping duty order on petroleum wax candles from China. On behalf of candle manufacturers and workers in our districts and across the country, we urge the ITC to expeditiously conclude its review in a manner that ensures that American producers can compete on a level playing field.

Antidumping measures against petroleum wax candles from China have been in place for 40 years, beginning in 1986. Since then, Commerce and the ITC have reaffirmed the need for this trade remedy through five consecutive sunset reviews. Moreover, the antidumping margin has increased over time, reflecting an escalation of unfair trade practices and an ongoing threat to our domestic industry.

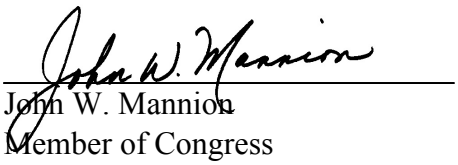
U.S. candle companies report that, without the continuation of this antidumping order against cheap imports from China, they face a real and immediate threat of material harm and market share loss. Foreign businesses must be prevented from engaging in unfair, predatory price manipulation. U.S. trade remedy laws were explicitly designed to combat this type of anticompetitive conduct, which undermines U.S. manufacturers and their workers.

The U.S. candle making industry represents hundreds of U.S. companies, many of them family-owned businesses that have endured for generations and are deeply rooted in their communities. Together, they create thousands of jobs and contribute significantly to local economies. This order also deeply impacts U.S. supplier jobs for paraffin and soy wax producers, fragrance suppliers, and hardware.

The ITC should continue to rigorously enforce U.S. trade remedy laws to eliminate distortions in the U.S. market and maintain a level playing field for our domestic manufacturers. We also respectfully urge the ITC to conduct an expedited review of the order given the domestic industry's complete and timely response to the notice of institution and complete lack of participation by any foreign producer in these proceedings. In fact, no foreign producer has even entered an appearance, demonstrating there is no expectation that any foreign producer intends on cooperating with the ITC's review.

We thank the Commission for its consideration of this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



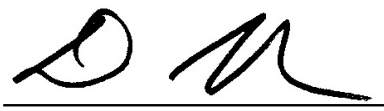
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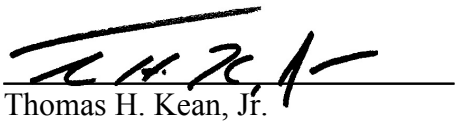
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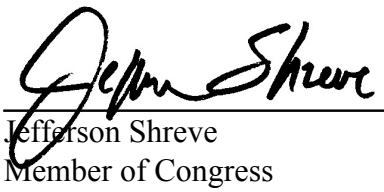
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