

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 26, 2021

The Honorable Jason 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:

We write on behalf of U.S. passenger vehicle and lightweight tire (PVLТ) manufacturers and their workers who face ongoing challenges from unfairly traded tire imports in the above-referenced cases, and to reiterate our support for strong enforcement of U.S. trade remedy laws.

The U.S. tire industry has been marked by unfair trade from foreign competitors for years. In 2009, President Obama imposed Section 421 tariffs on Chinese tire imports to address the systemic dumping of tires in the U.S. market. After the tariffs expired, United Steelworkers (USW) tire-producing members again faced unfair competition, and the union filed antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty petitions in 2014. AD and CVD orders have been in place on certain Chinese PVLТ imports since. Unfortunately, other foreign competitors continue to employ unfair practices to gain market share in the U.S. while Chinese tire imports face additional duties.

As a result, the USW recently filed AD and CVD petitions against tire producers in Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. In December, the Commission found an affirmative preliminary determination 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.

U.S. trade remedy laws are intended to provide relief to U.S. companies and their workers when they are undermined by unfairly traded imports. We urge you to give full and fair consideration to the USW petitions in these cases and to ensure U.S. trade remedy laws are fully enforced.

Sincerely,



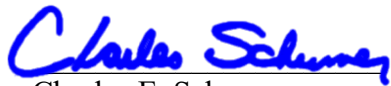
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