

December 12, 2007

President George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The companies and trade organizations listed below are writing to express our strong support for timely compliance by the U.S. with dispute settlement rulings in the World Trade Organization. In our view, timely implementation of WTO decisions is absolutely necessary if the United States intends to employ the dispute settlement system to address violations by other WTO members. We cannot credibly ask our trading partners to adhere to their trade obligations if we do not do the same.

We note the urgency of compliance with the decision of the WTO in connection with “zeroing” in antidumping cases. The Administration has indicated that it will implement this decision, and the deadline for doing so is December 24, 2007. Implementation is very important to maintaining the effectiveness of the WTO dispute settlement system and respect for international rules. We urge the Administration to oppose and, if necessary, for you to veto any legislation that would require the United States to ignore or defy decisions adopted by the WTO Dispute Settlement Body. We are concerned that one such bill, H.R. 2714, would require just such defiance.

Thus, the undersigned groups urge you to implement U.S. obligations in the WTO, and to oppose any legislation that would tie your hands. We also urge you to do all you can to strengthen the international rules and to assure that the United States and all countries adhere to them.

Very truly yours,

American Apparel & Footwear Association  
American Institute for International Steel  
Anova Food Inc.  
Aqua Star  
Arista Industries  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers

Association of International Automobile Manufacturers  
Berdex Seafood, Inc.  
The Bombay Company  
Censea Inc./Central Seaway Co., Inc.  
Consuming Industries Trade Action Coalition  
Dow Chemical  
E&R International Seafood, Inc.  
Eastern Fish Company  
Eaton Corporation  
Emerson  
Empress International  
Fishery Products International  
Great American Seafood  
Harbor Seafood  
Honda North America  
King and Prince Seafood Corp.  
Koyo Corporation of U.S.A.  
Los Angeles Cold Storage  
Marine Management Insurance Brokers, Inc.  
Maritime Products International  
Mazzetta Company, LLC  
Nachi Technology, Inc  
National Fisheries Institute  
National Foreign Trade Council  
National Retail Federation  
New York Customs Brokers  
Newport International  
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers  
NSK Corporation  
Pacific Seafood  
Phillips Foods and Seafood Restaurants  
Precision Metalforming Association  
Printing Industries of America  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
Sea Port Products Corp.  
Seabreeze Seafoods International  
Slade Gorton & Co., Inc.  
The Seafood Exchange  
Toyota  
Travel Goods Association  
US Chamber of Commerce  
Whirlpool Corporation