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CITAC Connections

ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST

CITAC took advantage of the Congressional summer recess to meet with numerous trade staffers to air the views and concerns of consuming industries in the trade policymaking debate.

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Capitol Hill/Administration Initiatives

- *House/Senate* – In conjunction with the introduction of the Transparency and Fairness Trade Act (H.R. 2770), CITAC members met with over ten staffers in key Congressional offices to encourage their representatives to co-sponsor this important bill. Interest was quite good from all offices.
- *Administration* – CITAC received responses to many of its letters to Administration officials. These include: a detailed letter from Ambassador Robert Zoellick on the President's import policy; confirmation letter from the U.S. Customs Service of CITAC's submission of comments on the Byrd Amendment; a letter from Lawrence Lindsey, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, in response to CITAC's letter to the President concerning the U.S.-Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement, and a second letter from Lindsay responding to CITAC's letter to the President on wheat gluten quotas.

Press Activities

CITAC sent out two Press Releases this month: one expressing its concerns about the Commerce Department's preliminary decision to impose countervailing duties of 19.31 percent on Canadian softwood lumber; and the second detailing how farmers were hurt in the ammonium nitrate fertilizer case because their participation in the case was hampered. CITAC Chairman Jon Jenson also sent a Letter to the Editor to the

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Boston Globe commending an Op-Ed piece giving common-sense arguments for free trade.

CITAC IN THE NEWS...

Here's another sampling of a busy month for "CITAC In The News."

- *New Steel (July 1); The Times, Munster - Indiana (August 1); Newhouse News Service (August 21)*: Detailing CITAC's concerns with the current Section 201 investigation on steel industry. Also, on August 20 the paper printed a Letter to the Editor submitted by CITAC Executive Director Janet Kopenhaver refuting some of the claims made by AISI in this article.
- *Waste Age (August 1)*: Cites findings from the CITAC steel study.
- *PR Newswire (August 10)*: CITAC speaking out against the Commerce Department preliminary determination that there are export subsidies on Canadian softwood lumber, and imposing duties of 19.31%.
- *The Associated Press (August 25); Deseret News (August 25); Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (August 25)*: Jon Jenson speaking out against H.R. 808 – the Steel Revitalization Act.
- *American Metal Markets (August 27)*: A one-on-one interview of Jon Jenson about CITAC's views of the steel crisis, H.R. 2770, and the Section 201 investigation.
- *MSNBC.com (August 20)*: Janet Kopenhaver was interviewed on the 19.31% duty on imports of softwood lum-

ber from Canada.

CITAC's THANKS GOES TO...

CITAC staff thanks the following individuals who went the extra mile this month in helping achieve CITAC goals:

Mary Alexander, Panasonic, participated in many of the Hill meetings this month.

Erik Autor, National Retail Federation (NRF), sent out the grassroots lobbying kit to all his members. Erik also participated in the Hill meetings this month.

Christie Carmigiano/Chris Howell, Precision Metalforming Association (PMA), sent out a request to PMA's entire membership of 1,600 companies to ask their legislators to support H.R. 2770.

Stu Cheney, Autocam Corporation, for continuing to write letters to Members of Congress encouraging them to co-sponsor H.R. 2770.

Jon Gold, International Mass Retail Association (IMRA), participated in the Hill meetings this month, as well as brought CITAC a new member.

Terri Jondahl, CAB, Inc., sent a letter to a key Democratic Senator urging him to co-sponsor the Senate companion of H.R. 2770.

Chris Long, Enron Corporation, not only participated in, but arranged an important meeting with, a key Democratic Senator's trade staffer.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CITAC welcomes Target and Autocam Corporation (producer of close tolerance products, primarily for the worldwide auto industry) as its newest members.