

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0501

August 11, 2017

The Honorable Rhonda K. Schmidlein
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20436

Re: Investigation TA-201-75

Dear Chairman Schmidlein:

We are writing to you to express concern with the pending Section 201 global safeguard case regarding solar cell and module manufacturing in the United States. The petition requests that the President impose a 40 cents per watt tariff on imported solar cells and a 78 cents per watt floor price for imported solar modules. As part of ITC's investigation, we urge you to carefully consider the negative impacts the proposed trade remedies would have on the entire American solar industry.

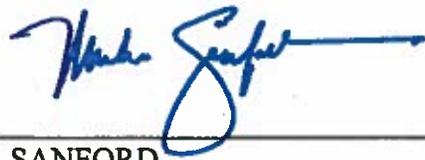
Last year, solar was the single largest source of new electric generating capacity in America. At the end of 2016, 9,000 companies employed over 260,000 American workers with a median wage of \$25/hour. We are concerned that the requested trade protection would sharply increase the price of solar panels which could lead to a negative impact across the whole solar industry. The increased costs could slow or even stop solar growth, jeopardizing billions of dollars in investment in communities across the country. Moreover, it is projected that the new tariffs could lead to a loss of 88,000 American solar jobs next year.

We respectfully request that the Commission carefully and fully consider the negative impact that the high tariffs and minimum prices requested would have on the solar workers in our states and continued growth of the solar industry.

Sincerely,



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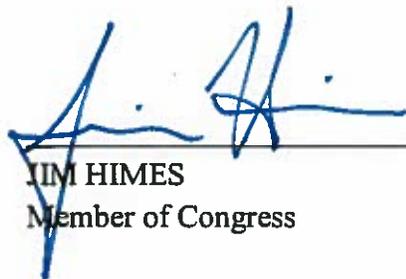
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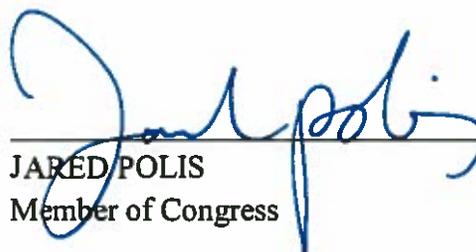
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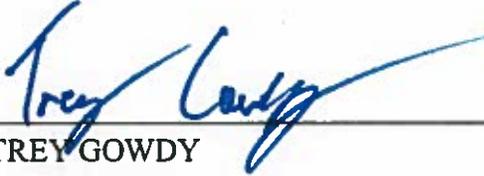
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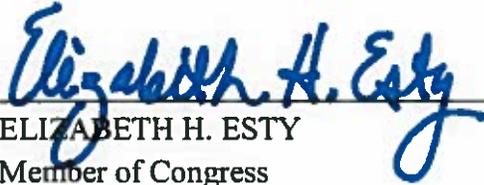
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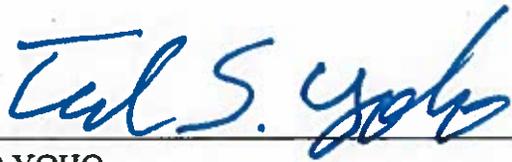
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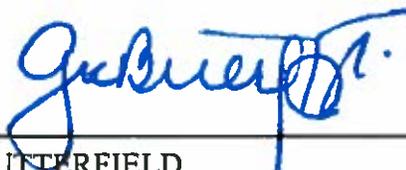
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