



THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

November 27, 2017

The Honorable Rhonda K. Schmidlein
Chairman
United States International Trade Commission
500 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20436

Dear Chairman Schmidlein:

On November 13, 2017, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) transmitted a report to the President under section 202(f) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act), 19 U.S.C. § 2252(f), from Investigation No. 201-TA-75, Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells (Whether or Not Partially or Fully Assembled into Other Products), in which the Commission determined that the increased importation of the articles at issue is a substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic industry producing like or directly competitive articles.

After examining the Commission's report, I have determined that it would be appropriate, under the authority delegated to me by the President, to request additional information from the Commission, pursuant to section 203(a)(5) of the Trade Act, in the form of a supplemental report to assist the President in determining the appropriate and feasible action to take that will facilitate efforts by the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition and provide greater economic and social benefits than costs. Accordingly, I respectfully request that for the affirmative determination under section 202(b)(1) of the Trade Act, the Commission identify any unforeseen developments that led to the articles at issue being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury.

My understanding is that the Commission will furnish its supplemental report within 30 days after the date on which it receives this request. Of course, I greatly appreciate the extraordinary work already undertaken by the Commission and its staff during the course of this investigation and thank you in advance for seeking to handle this additional request within the timeframe above.

Sincerely yours,

Ambassador Robert E. Lighthizer
United States Trade Representative