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Office of the United States Trade
Representative 600 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20508

Subject: Docket No. USTR-2018-0018 Notice of Action and Request for Public Comment Concerning Proposed Determination of Action Pursuant to Section 301: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

Objection: The interests of U.S entities and consumers will be significantly harmed

Highlight:

US HTS Code:

3906.10.00
3906.90.20
3907.20.00
3907.40.00
3920.61.00
3909.50.10
3909.50.20
3909.50.50
3911.90.10
3911.90.45
3901.10.10
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3901.20.10
3901.20.50
3902.10.00
3901.90.10
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3904.10.00
3904.21.00
3904.22.00
3908.10.00
3910.00.00

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a trader of special chemical products in Houston, TX. The codes I provided mainly relate to polyurethane based, PVC related and polymer related products. These products are highly oligopolistic. The proposed duties will decrease the competitiveness of the U.S. market, harm the U.S. industries, traders, users and ultimately the consumers

These products are basic chemical raw material widely used for insulation, coatings, plastics, paints, sealants and adhesives in the industry of automotive, construction, infrastructure, painting, electrical appliances etc. The imports from China have decreased the monopolistic market situation and maintain the market development in a healthy way. We see significant benefits for customers in term of more choices, better quality, more economy costs and more flexible business terms and conditions, which all owe to better competition on the market, a deeply rooted belief here in the U.S. The customers have little choices when purchasing on an oligopolistic market in the U.S.

These are basic chemical raw materials, which have nothing to do with high-tech "Made in China 2025" program, nor any relation to intellectual property. Unlike end products, the indirect consequences on increasing tariff of raw material on an oligopolistic market will lead to wide spread effects on various industries, end products and finally hurt American industries, companies and customers.

Therefore, we respectfully urge U.S. government to consider all these factors, protect competition and remove those codes from the tariff list.

Respectfully submitted,

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