



Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street SW.
Washington, DC 20436

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Investigation No. TA-201-75

Dear Secretary Barton:

The Georgia Chamber represents the interests of business and industry across the State of Georgia.

In making this submission on this solar tariff case the Chamber reiterates its support for free trade agreements and the benefits that accrue to Georgia businesses from access to global markets. The Chamber is mindful of the pernicious impact of illegal dumping activities on domestic industries, whether these illegal activities are State sponsored or by overseas based companies. However, the Chamber is also supportive of robust business competition that drives innovation, investment and business efficiency and is based on legal, market-based activities.

In this particular case, the Chamber does not support the imposition of a tariff regime, quotas or minimum prices that are designed to thwart aggressive competition from foreign-based organizations.

The Chamber requests that the Commission consider the potential adverse impacts on the wider solar industry that would result from the imposition of import relief on the delivered prices of imported Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic ("CSPV") modules and other solar products.

The solar industry is contributing to the development of a competitive renewable energy sector both in Georgia and across the nation. The industry is innovative, a significant employer and, importantly, a major investor in many regional areas of Georgia. These regions have gained a new source of local employment and tax receipt benefits from the growth of the solar generation sector. These benefits will be at risk if the requested tariff relief is imposed.

I respectfully request that the Commission carefully consider the potential negative impacts that high tariffs, quotas and the minimum prices requested would have on the employment and profitability of the Georgia's solar industry.

Sincerely

Chris Clark
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