

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 28, 2015

The Honorable Cui Tiankai
Ambassador
Embassy of the People's Republic of China
3505 International Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Ambassador Cui,

We write today to express our deep concern over the still unresolved trade dispute between the United States and the People's Republic of China involving Chinese-produced photovoltaic solar cells and modules and U.S.-produced polysilicon. It is troubling that this significant trade irritant affecting the solar industry, which is so important to both the U.S. and China, remains unresolved, despite significant efforts by solar panel producers in both countries, U.S. polysilicon producers, the China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) and the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

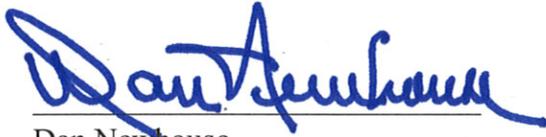
The lack of progress toward a resolution for U.S. polysilicon that restores meaningful market access to China for U.S. polysilicon producers jeopardizes a potential resolution for Chinese solar panel producers. The USTR Ambassador Michael Froman has repeatedly expressed to MOFCOM Minister Gao Hucheng that the U.S. government will not agree to a settlement for Chinese solar panel manufacturers without a simultaneous settlement for U.S. polysilicon. In other words, as both Minister Gao and Ambassador Froman have agreed, there must be a "package deal" or there will be no deal at all. We stand firmly behind Ambassador Froman's continuing efforts to resolve this issue.

Industries in both countries stand to benefit greatly from a mutually-agreeable settlement of this trade dispute that restores meaningful market access both for Chinese solar panel manufacturers exporting their products to the U.S. and for U.S. polysilicon manufacturers exporting their products to their Chinese customers. Indeed, a prompt settlement of this dispute will repair and deepen economic ties between our two nations in a global industry that is playing a critical role developing clean, renewable energy sources.

We believe the MOFCOM and USTR have the ability to reach a mutually-agreeable settlement that reduces market distortions and restores predictability in trading conditions between industries in our two countries. We are concerned that if the two sides do not achieve a settlement soon, market conditions will change yet again, and a settlement will remain elusive.

We urge you to ensure MOFCOM works quickly and cooperatively to reach a final negotiated settlement of both the solar panel and polysilicon matters.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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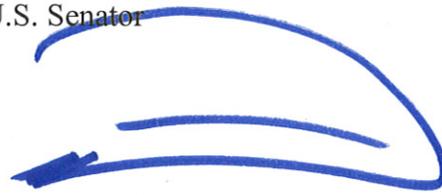
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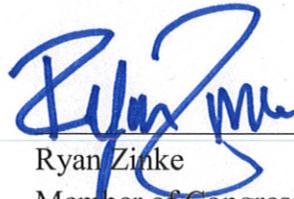
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