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The Honorable David S. Johanson
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
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The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
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Dear Chairman Johanson and Secretary Raimondo:

We write to express our strong support for the antidumping and countervailing duty (AD/CVD) petitions filed by the American Alliance for Solar Manufacturing Trade Committee (Alliance), a group of seven major domestic solar manufacturers. Together, they represent more than \$10 billion in existing and planned investment in manufacturing facilities in the United States, supporting more than 34,000 good-paying, long-term jobs, with the potential to add tens of thousands more.

The Biden administration's unprecedented two-year tariff moratorium on enforcing antidumping and countervailing duty laws has been disastrous and directly resulted in Chinese solar manufacturers with direct ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) dumping product in the United States without consequence for years. This has denied solar manufacturing workers across our country the opportunity to compete on a level playing field. We urge you to carefully review the Alliance's petition and act swiftly to address China's blatant trade abuses that continue to harm America's solar manufacturing workers.

AD/CVD cases are critical in industries such as solar manufacturing where China has established cartel-like control over global solar supply chains.¹ This control of a strategic value chain is no accident. Solar is one of the "new three" industries of strategic importance that the Chinese government has identified for global dominance.

Today, China produces more than 90 percent of solar-grade polysilicon, controls more than 99 percent of the global wafering capacity, and controls 80 percent to 95 percent of global shipments across the solar supply chain.² The Chinese government's substantial financial support for solar manufacturing and use of forced labor in polysilicon production has led to below cost production and excess capacity, putting American workers at a significant disadvantage.

¹ The Rhodium Group. Overcapacity at the Gate. <https://rhg.com/research/overcapacity-at-the-gate/>

² Guidehouse Insights White Paper. Inflection Point: The State of US PV Solar Manufacturing & What's Next. Q1 2024. Page 6-7

The revitalization of American manufacturing is critical for achieving energy independence and creating a robust all-of-the-above energy economy. Major investments promise to give tens of thousands of people an opportunity to secure durable, good-paying manufacturing jobs. These investments bolster local economies, revitalizing industrial sectors, and show the world that America can confront China's dominance with innovation and ingenuity, and win.

Unfortunately, a surge in record-breaking imports from Chinese-controlled factories, subsidized by the Chinese government in Southeast Asian Belt and Road Initiative member countries, is undermining the progress that has been made to establish a healthy domestic solar industry.³ Under current market conditions distorted by Chinese imports, U.S. solar manufacturers are facing difficult decisions about maintaining existing footprints. We must ensure American jobs are not jeopardized due to predatory trade practices by Chinese firms.

Despite significant investment, robust demand, and a growing workforce, American workers cannot compete when the deck is stacked against them so severely. Effective enforcement of our trade laws to level the playing field for domestic manufacturers will help counter unfairly traded solar products, promote U.S. production, support good-paying jobs, increase energy independence, and strengthen our national security.

We ask that the Commerce Department and the Commission impartially review all the evidence in this important petition and reach determinations consistent with that evidence.

We appreciate your consideration of this critical issue.

Respectfully,



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³ Reuters. [Insight: US solar panel manufacturing boom threatened by cheap imports](#). November 3, 2023.