

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 19, 2017

Donald Trump  
President  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20500  
Re: Presidential Decision in Investigation TA-201-75

Mr. President:

On November 13, 2017, the U.S. International Trade Commission forwarded to you its recommendations for the imposition of a remedy in Investigation TA-201-75, the global safeguard case on crystalline silicon photovoltaic (CSPV) solar cells and modules after unanimously finding that the U.S. CSPV solar cell and module manufacturing industry was seriously injured by imports. As a result of the Commission's unanimous determination, you have the opportunity to impose a remedy that would address the serious injury to the U.S. industry. We write to encourage you to impose a remedy sufficient to allow U.S. CSPV solar cell and module manufacturers to make the investments in capital equipment to restart and expand U.S. capacity and to invest in the R&D necessary to achieve long-term competitiveness, while maintaining robust growth of domestic solar energy deployment.

All forecasts indicate that U.S. demand for solar energy will continue to grow – the question is whether American-made products will help supply that growing demand. A strong and effective remedy will ensure that the U.S. CSPV solar cell and module manufacturing sector can grow and would restore thousands of U.S. manufacturing jobs that have been lost due to the injury caused by imports while preserving the health of the entire U.S. solar industry.

In addition to the positive impact on U.S. manufacturing, a strong and effective order will advance America's energy independence as well as electrical grid security, both of which require a robust U.S. solar manufacturing industry. In order to ensure electrical grid security, the U.S. cannot afford to become dependent on imports from China and other countries for cutting edge CSPV solar cell and module technology. According to a 2014 U.S. Department of Justice indictment, the Chinese military engaged in hacking and cyber-theft of U.S. solar manufacturing technology. This clearly demonstrates that our foreign competitors view the CSPV solar cell and module manufacturing industry as a critical industry, and 100 percent dependence on imports leaves us vulnerable to attacks.

The U.S. CSPV solar cell and module manufacturing industry is critical to American energy independence, building a more secure electrical grid and promoting innovative American research and technology. Therefore, we urge you to impose a strong and effective remedy that

will ensure a growing and competitive U.S. CSPV solar cell and module manufacturing industry and promote robust growth across our entire domestic solar industry.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden  
United States Senator



Sherrod Brown  
United States Senator



Jeffrey A. Merkley  
United States Senator