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Dear Senator/Member of Congress:

We are writing to forward to you a copy of the enclosed Report prepared by the Trade Lawyers Advisory Group for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.¹ This Report, *The Importance of Trade Remedies to the U.S. Trade Relationship with China*, is a comprehensive examination of many of the current issues regarding our trade laws vis-à-vis trade with China.

Last year, the United States saw its trade deficit with China climb to \$162 billion. Bilateral trade flows continue to grow, and it is important to study the effectiveness and utility of our trade laws as part of an overall examination of how best to deal with our bilateral trade deficit. This examination is particularly timely in light of the effort to create a negotiating framework this summer as a lead-up to the scheduled meeting of trade ministers in Hong Kong in December to reach an agreement in the Doha Round.

In the coming weeks, the Commission will continue to review this important topic and stands ready to work with you and your staff to provide the information necessary to ensure Congress is able to make appropriate input in the negotiating process. The Report is available on line at www.uscc.gov. If you would like a printed copy of the attachments or an e-version, please call Kathy Michels at (202) 624-1409 or email her at kmichels@uscc.gov.

Sincerely,



C. Richard D'Amato
Chairman



Roger W. Robinson, Jr.
Vice Chairman

Attachment

¹ The Commission was created in October 2000 by the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for 2001 § 1238, Pub. L. No. 106-398, 114 STAT. 1654A-334 (2000) (codified at 22 U.S.C. § 7002 (2001)), as amended, and the "Consolidated Appropriations Resolution of 2003," Pub. L. No. 108-7, dated February 20, 2003.

The Commission is directed by the Congress to monitor, investigate, and submit to Congress an annual report on the national security implications of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China, and to provide recommendations, where appropriate, to Congress for legislative and administrative action. P.L. 108-7 directed the Commission to focus its work and study on the following nine areas: proliferation practices, economic reforms and U.S. economic transfers, energy, U.S. capital markets, corporate reporting, regional economic and security impacts, U.S.-China bilateral programs, WTO compliance, and media control by the Chinese government.