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**Statement for the Record  
The Honorable Jean Schmidt  
Member of Congress  
U.S.I.T.C. Investigation Nos. 701-TA-475 and 731-TA-1177 (Final)  
Certain Aluminum Extrusions from China  
March 29, 2011  
United States International Trade Commission**

Madam Chair and Fellow Commissioners:

As a Member of Congress representing the hard-working people of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of Ohio, I am submitting this Statement to express my concern with the possible imposition of anti-dumping and countervailing duties on Chinese aluminum extrusion imports, specifically with regard to brite dip anodized extrusions.

One of my constituents, Mr. George W. Rohde, the president and chief executive officer of Basco Shower Enclosures, informed me that if these tariffs are imposed on brite dip anodized extrusions, which are necessary components of shower doors, shower enclosures, and shower kits, 170 high-paying jobs at his manufacturing facility in Mason, Ohio will be jeopardized.

Basco Shower Enclosures is a family-owned company that has been in existence since 1955. Their products are consistently rated highly for their quality and brand preference.

The imposition of punitive tariffs on Chinese aluminum extrusions will create several negative consequences for Basco. First, it will decrease the number of suppliers from whom Basco can purchase shower door inputs, shower enclosure inputs and shower kits. Fewer suppliers mean less competition, which equates into higher prices.

Second, Chinese producers of aluminum extrusions can, in many instances, offer Basco a higher quality product.

Third, Chinese importers of aluminum extrusions are more willing to work with Basco on product development.

Finally, if brite dip anodized aluminum extrusions imported from China become subject to punitive tariffs, most manufacturers of shower doors, shower enclosures, and shower kits in

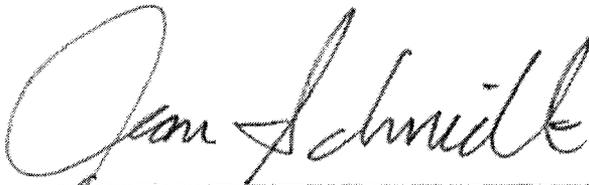
the United States, including Basco, may face closure. Why? Because it is difficult to impossible to even obtain such aluminum extrusion products in the United States today due to the fact that most domestic suppliers have stopped production of these items as a result of onerous and heavy-handed EPA regulations.

It is also important to note that pre-fabricated, extruded aluminum inputs manufactured for the custom shower enclosure industry comprise an infinitesimal portion of the \$550 million aluminum extrusion market. The bulk of this aluminum extrusion industry consists of rods, tubes, and pipes.

Subjecting shower door inputs, shower enclosure inputs, and shower kits to the imposition of anti-dumping and countervailing duties will likely have the unintended consequences of putting our domestic producers of custom shower enclosures out of business, while, at the same time, ironically, contributing to an increase in the importation of Chinese-manufactured shower enclosures, all at the expense of hard-working Americans.

In summation, I respectfully encourage the International Trade Commission to carefully and thoughtfully consider the request of Basco Shower Enclosures to exclude shower door inputs, shower enclosure inputs, and shower kits from the list of Chinese aluminum extrusion products potentially subject to the imposition of anti-dumping and countervailing duties.

Thank you.



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