

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Penny Pritzker  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Pritzker,

I am writing regarding the ongoing antidumping and countervailing duty investigations of passenger vehicle and light duty truck tires from China.

This case has nationwide economic impacts including in my home state of Ohio. From Akron to Findlay, the tire and rubber industry has a proud tradition in Ohio. For over one hundred years, generations of Ohioans have manufactured the tires that drive America. Tire manufacturing has been an iconic part of our state's heritage, and played a major role in Ohio's significance to the auto industry.

These cases, filed by the United Steelworkers, specifically impact hundreds of hard-working Ohioans. Given the importance of enforcing our trade laws to protect American workers, I urge the Department of Commerce to consider all relevant facts in this case and take all appropriate action to stop any illegal activity that they find.

I understand that the petitions suggested dumping margins as high as almost 88 percent and provided sufficient information for the Department of Commerce to investigate 39 subsidies—some of which may be prohibited export subsidies—available to Chinese producers. Further, I understand that the petitioners allege that these Chinese subsidies have enabled Chinese passenger vehicle and lightweight truck tires to be sold at prices ranging from 12 to 40 percent below prices of U.S. tires of the same kind.

Given these allegations, I hope the Department of Commerce will closely consider the facts of this case and enforce America's trade laws.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman