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The Honorable Howard Lutnick
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The Honorable Jeffrey Kessler
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Dear Secretary Lutnick and Under Secretary Kessler:

We write on behalf of our constituents in Alabama to express strong support for the Section 232 investigation into timber and lumber derivative products, including kitchen cabinets, initiated on March 1, 2025, under the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. This industry contributes to over 250,000 jobs nationwide, including 5,000 in Alabama, and we urge the rapid deployment of tariffs on derivative products of timber and lumber to combat the abuse of our trade laws by the People's Republic of China and other bad actors.

In recent years, our \$12 billion domestic cabinet industry has been devastated by unfairly traded imports of kitchen cabinets and cabinet components. The Biden Administration had the opportunity to address this issue through the annual process of reviewing antidumping and countervailing duties, but instead applied zero dumping rates to over 30 Chinese companies that illegally violate our trade laws. Thanks to the previous administration's China-First policies, this U.S. industry is now on the brink of collapse. With this flood of imports coming into our country from China, Vietnam, Mexico, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, and others, thousands of tremendous American cabinet manufacturing jobs have been lost with companies forced to shutter their factories.

To halt this surge of illegal imports we are asking for a tariff rate of at least 60% on all wooden cabinets, vanities, and component parts thereof that are imported under the U.S. Harmonized Tariff System ("HTS") codes 9403.40.9060, 9403.60.8093, and 9403.91.0080. To ensure the effectiveness of the Section 232 program, no exceptions or exemptions should be granted for the aforementioned codes. This will allow the domestic cabinet industry to rebuild, creating thousands of new manufacturing jobs in Alabama and across the country. We respectfully urge you to impose these strategic tariffs.

There is more than sufficient production capacity to manufacture cabinets in the U.S. Many manufacturers are currently operating at 30-70% capacity. Upon sufficient enforcement, our domestic manufacturers are ready and prepared to implement President Trump's agenda and ramp up U.S. production.

As you conclude the Section 232 investigation and submit your report for President Trump's review, we ask you to consider the evidence and impose a strong tariff rate to help preserve the domestic cabinet industry and the thousands of American manufacturing jobs in the cabinet sector. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to unleashing a new golden era of domestic manufacturing.

Sincerely,



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