

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Howard Lutnick
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Lutnick,

We are writing today as members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation to express our shared support for the domestic cabinet making industry and to thank this Administration for its commitment to strengthening American manufacturing through a robust trade strategy.

As you may know, the kitchen and bath cabinet industry employs over 250,000 individuals across the United States and contributes to 9,000 jobs across 374 establishments in North Carolina alone. Moreover, 95% of companies are family-owned, often passed down through generations and rooted in local economies across the nation. Despite this substantial impact, cabinet makers in our districts are subject to trade abuse by Chinese companies that flood the United States with products routed through Southeast Asian countries.

While there is sufficient domestic production capacity for these products, many manufacturers – including those in our home state of North Carolina – are operating at partial capacity. At the same time, imported cabinets are being sold at up to 60% below domestic prices. As a result of this discrepancy, we have significant concerns that foreign companies in China, Mexico, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, and Thailand receive government subsidies to manufacture these products and go to extensive lengths to avoid existing tariffs through transshipment of products.

The stifled domestic manufacturing capacity as a result of reported, malign trade practices on the part of these countries has resulted in an estimated \$6.5 billion in lost revenue to the cabinet industry. For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Administration enforce a strong tariff rate of at least 60% on imported, wooden cabinets.

As a leading state in the furniture, cabinet making, and textiles industries, North Carolina stands poised at the forefront of the President's efforts to ensure the long-term viability of good paying jobs right here in the United States of America. We look forward to working with you to continue putting American workers first.

Sincerely,



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