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Wayne County Executive

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The Honorable Robert E. Lighthizer  
U.S. Trade Representative  
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative  
600 17th Street, NW, Room F516  
Washington, D.C., 20006

Support for CW Bearing's Request for Exclusion of Bearings From the Additional  
Action Pursuant to Section 301

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

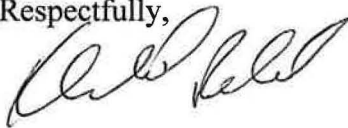
I am writing this letter in support of the product exclusion requests filed by CW Bearing USA, Inc. ("CW Bearing") in response to the 25% *ad valorem* tariffs on certain bearings imported from China. These products support extensive downstream manufacturing in the United States, including in my home state of Michigan. Given the negative impacts that implementation of such high tariffs will have on these products, I respectfully request that certain bearings imported under U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTSUS") 8482.10.5052, 8482.99.6595, 8482.99.0050, 8482.91.0040, 8482.40.0000, 8482.10.5060, 8482.10.5056, 8482.10.5048, 8482.10.5044, 8482.10.5028, 8428.10.5024, and 8482.10.5016 be excluded from the additional Section 301 tariffs.

The 25% additional tariffs on these bearings will cause severe economic harm to U.S. interests, including American workers in communities like Northville, Michigan. In 2017, CW Bearing opened a 50,000 square foot manufacturing and technical center in Northville to manufacture steering and braking system components for the North American automobile industry. CW Bearing's operations in Michigan provide much needed stable, middle-class jobs in the Northville community. Currently, CW Bearings employs 54 hardworking Americans, though that number is expected to grow to over 85 by 2022. The imposition of such high tariffs on the bearing imports needed to support this domestic production, however, threaten CW Bearing's expansion plans.

CW Bearing's commitment to U.S. manufacturing is exactly the type of foreign investment we should be encouraging in the United States. We should encourage companies to invest in the United States, not penalize them for doing so. An exclusion from these prohibitively high tariffs will ensure that CW Bearing's intended investments in Michigan come to fruition and that their manufacturing operations continue to thrive in the United States.

I look forward to working with you to promote the continued success of CW Bearing in Michigan by excluding certain bearings described in CW Bearing's requests from the Section 301 tariffs. These exclusions will promote U.S. manufacturing and the creation of American jobs in our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Khalil Rahal', written in a cursive style.

Khalil Rahal  
Executive Director  
Wayne County Economic Development Corporation