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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Republican Leader U.S. House of Representatives The Honorable Charles Schumer Senate Majority Leader U.S. Senate

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Republican Leader U.S. Senate

Dear Leaders Pelosi, Schumer, McCarthy, and McConnell:

The members of the Decorative Hardwoods Association (DHA)¹ commends Congress for moving forward legislation to increase US competitiveness and importantly address China's abusive trade practices. We ask that any final legislation include Senator Brown and Portman's and Representative Sewell and Johnson's Eliminating Global Market Distortions to Protect American Jobs Act, also known as the Leveling the Playing Field Act 2.0.

Our industry has been harmed by illegal trade practices and has successfully pursued trade cases for our products, but US law has not kept up with China's ability to evade duties. Our industry production and employment across the country has been dramatically reduced by these illegal practices. Therefore, we request your support for the antidumping and countervailing duty (AD/CVD) provisions within this legislation. These changes have bipartisan support and are a much needed 21st century modernization of the law that addresses the new, and evolving, unfair trade practices of China and other trading partners.

I would be happy to discuss our experiences with US trade law and China, and the impact China's illegal practices has had on our industry and workers with you or your staff.

Sincerely,

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¹ The Decorative Hardwoods Association represents over 75 North American manufactures of hardwood plywood, hardwood veneer, engineered wood floors and their suppliers and distributors.