

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 21, 2024

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo  
Secretary of Commerce  
14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Re: Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Certain Low Speed Personal Transportation Vehicles from the People's Republic of China (Case Nos. A-570-176, C-570-177)

Dear Secretary Raimondo:

We are writing to express support for American low speed personal transportation vehicles (“LSPTVs”) manufacturers and their workers as they face a surge of imports from China, with potentially devastating consequences to U.S. manufacturers and workers. We urge the Department to carefully consider the impact of these imports on this historic and uniquely American manufacturing industry as you make your determinations.

The U.S. LSPTV industry filed antidumping and countervailing duty cases in June 2024 against imports of LSPTVs from China.<sup>1</sup> Last year, more than \$522 million in LSPTVs were imported from China, which is more than double the 2021 imports. Bolstered by substantial Chinese government subsidies, these imported vehicles are sold at prices below U.S. market prices, taking sales and revenue from U.S. producers and underselling and depressing U.S. prices. The outcome of these cases is absolutely critical to the health of the domestic LSPTV industry.

We commend the Department for its hard work on these cases, and we stress the importance of thoroughly investigating the Chinese LSPTV producers selected as mandatory respondents and ensuring that the antidumping and countervailing duty rates calculated accurately reflect the significant degree of dumping and subsidization that is occurring. In particular, it is crucial that the Department carefully examine the full range of subsidies being provided to the Chinese LSPTV industry. Amidst the vast web of subsidies provided by the Chinese government, LSPTV producers in China receive many of their key inputs, such steel and aluminum components as well as batteries and motors, for less than adequate remuneration. This allows those producers to compete with an unfair advantage in the U.S. market. Therefore, it is imperative that the Department exhaustively investigate these and other subsidies received by Chinese LSPTV producers.

It is also our understanding that the mandatory respondents have requested many lengthy extensions to submit required questionnaire data so far in these proceedings. While we are cognizant of the workload currently facing the Department, we emphasize that antidumping and countervailing duty investigations are bound by strict statutory timelines and require the agency to conduct comprehensive investigations. We encourage the Department to consider limiting additional extensions to the mandatory respondents going forward, as doing so will restrict the ability of the agency and other interested parties to fully review and address deficiencies in their reported information.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/07/16/2024-15604/certain-low-speed-personal-transportation-vehicles-from-the-peoples-republic-of-china-initiation-of#:~:text=On%20June%2020%2C%202024%2C%20the,the%20American%20Personal%20Transportation%20Vehicle>

In short, we must ensure that our trade remedy laws accurately address unfair trade practices so that U.S. workers and businesses can compete on a level playing field. We urge the Department to carefully and fully consider the arguments raised by the U.S. industry in these investigations when arriving at its preliminary determinations.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of these critical issues.

Sincerely,



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Rick W. Allen  
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



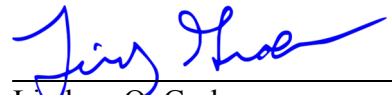
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