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The Honorable Shara L. Aranoff
Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission

The Honorable Daniel R. Pearson
Vice Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission

The Honorable Charlotte R. Lane
Commissioner, U.S. International Trade Commission

The Honorable Irving A. Williamson
Commissioner, U.S. International Trade Commission

The Honorable Dean A. Pinkert
Commissioner, U.S. International Trade Commission
United States International Trade Commission
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Washington, DC 20436

Dear Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Commissioners:

We write as members committed to the advancement of national energy sustainability and the development of renewable energy resources. We commend the Commission for its decision to review, in full, the Initial Determination on the merits in the investigation of certain variable speed wind turbines under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (337-TA-641). This case warrants the fullest possible consideration of the merits and public policy considerations, given its potential ramifications for our nation's renewable energy goals.

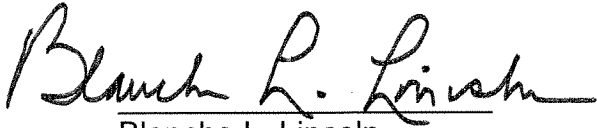
Wind power will be essential in the development and deployment of renewable energy technologies critical to the nation's economy and security. In the recently passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Congress underscored the importance of developing these renewable energy sources.

Promoting a diversity of technologies in the wind energy sector will be essential if the nation is to achieve the Administration's goal of developing 20 percent of our electricity from wind by 2030. Meeting this goal requires not only a dramatic increase in wind energy installations, but also a combination of design innovations. Given these stakes, it is essential for the Commission to continue to recognize and uphold intellectual property while encouraging new innovation. We urge the Commission to achieve such a balance when reviewing this case.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. We truly appreciate the hard work you and the Commission do on behalf of the United States in the area of international trade.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blanche L. Lincoln".

Blanche L. Lincoln
U.S. Senator

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Pryor".

Mark Pryor
U.S. Senator