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Ambassador Susan C. Schwab
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
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Dear Ambassador Schwab:

The Southern Shrimp Alliance ("SSA"), on behalf of the domestic shrimp industry, strongly urges you to appeal the WTO decisions regarding Shrimp from Thailand and India made public on February 29, 2008. It is vital that USTR appeal these decisions and promptly announce its intention to do so.

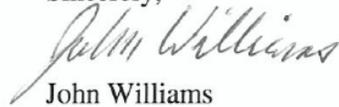
The decisions restricting the United States' ability to effectively collect duties owed are particularly egregious and continue a series of WTO decisions that are ideologically driven and legally unsound. The United States demonstrated a fact-based concern about the inability to collect duties absent the enhanced bonding program. At the same time that the decisions hold the United States' actions unreasonable under the circumstances of these cases, they purport to hold out the possibility that in other situations the United States could demonstrate the appropriateness of measures taken to assure collections of duties owed. However, the decisions in fact create a standard that effectively will be impossible to demonstrate. Consequently, in practice, the WTO has negated a reasonable and effective response to serious circumvention of legally-imposed antidumping duties and has again undermined the effectiveness of the U.S. fair trade laws. If the United States simply accepts this decision, it is acquiescing to circumvention of its laws.

The United States has committed to obtaining express approval of the use of zeroing in any revised Antidumping Agreement negotiated as a result of the Doha Development Round. By appealing these decisions, the United States will demonstrate its commitment to that objective. Appeal will also be an opportunity to continue to make the legal case in support of zeroing, including that zeroing was used by a number of administering authorities prior to the Uruguay Round Agreements and was not

considered to be prohibited by any signatory at the time the Antidumping Agreement was concluded.

SSA reiterates that appeal of these decisions is vital. The United States must respond vigorously to such improper decisions or else confidence in the WTO dispute resolution system will continue to erode.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Williams".

John Williams
Executive Director