

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 28, 2011

The Honorable Deanna Tanner Okun
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20436

Re: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp and Prawns from Brazil, China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam, Inv. No. 731-TA-1063, 1064, 1066-1068 (Review).

Dear Chairman Okun,

We are writing to express support for the current antidumping orders on frozen warmwater shrimp from Brazil, China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam for an additional five years. Revocation of these orders will cause significant harm to the shrimp industry in Alabama and across the nation.

Current US trade remedy laws are working. Since imposing antidumping duty orders on shrimp from Brazil, China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam, covered imports have remained well below their pre-petition peak. The antidumping orders have stabilized import prices, ending the free-fall that led to the original petitions and put a reasonable floor on domestic shrimp prices. Further, domestic production increased during the life of the orders. In Alabama, shrimp production totaled approximately 15.7 million pounds in 2005. This number steadily increased by 46 percent to over 23 million pounds of shrimp in 2009. Prior to the anomaly of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the domestic shrimp industry grew again as domestic shrimp processors made capital investments in an effort to improve efficiency and increase production. A continuation of the antidumping orders will ensure that this significant progress is not in vain.

We urge the Commission to enforce and apply trade laws to ensure that the US shrimp industry can compete on a level playing field. We cannot give Brazil, China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam an opportunity to further harm our domestic shrimp industry just as they are rebounding. Continuing the antidumping orders on shrimp is critical to the future viability of this important, but fragile industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard Shelby



Jeff Sessions