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U.S. International Trade Commission
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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, Vice Chairman Williamson, and Commissioners:

I write out of concern for Louisiana's shrimpers, shrimp processors, and shrimp distributors. Illegally dumped foreign shrimp from Brazil, China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam has been undermining Louisiana's shrimp industry for too long, as these countries have been shipping cheap, inferior shrimp to the United States at below-market prices. Fortunately, the antidumping duty orders imposed by the Commission in 2005 have helped the industry stay on its feet, and I request that you vote to continue these beneficial orders.

The Commission's continuation of these orders, along with efforts in Congress to improve the enforcement of safety standards on imported seafood, would offer Louisiana's shrimp industry the ability to survive and ultimately thrive. Ensuring the safety of imported seafood products and compliance with our trade laws is vital to protecting health of American consumers and the seafood industry in Louisiana. Continuation of the antidumping orders against these five nations will reduce the volume of illegally imported products, level the playing field for our Gulf shrimp producers, and give American consumers the ability to purchase higher quality Louisiana shrimp.

Curtailing the volume of dumped imports is essential for the domestic industry's success. Louisiana's shrimp industry has seen improved revenues, increased production, and higher employment levels since the Commission imposed antidumping orders in 2005. Keeping in

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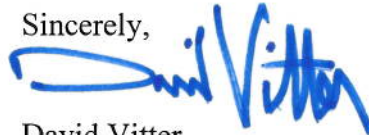
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mind that my state's businesses have had to confront and overcome the physical and financial damage of this region's hurricanes, the economic recession, and the devastating Gulf oil spill, the fact that the shrimp industry is profitable today shows their resilience and commitment.

However, the industry's progress is at serious risk if these antidumping orders are not continued. If these five countries have the opportunity to ship their products to our market with almost no limitations, their past practice has indicated that they will quickly flood the U.S. market with dumped product, gravely injuring U.S. shrimp harvesters and processors.

In conclusion, I respectfully ask the Commission to vote for the continuation of the antidumping orders on shrimp from Brazil, China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam. Louisiana has a rich fishing heritage that provides many Louisiana families with their livelihoods and is a central component of Louisiana's unique cuisine. With these orders that address illegal trade practices, Louisiana's vibrant shrimp industry can continue to prosper over the long term on a fair, level playing field with foreign seafood producers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Vitter". The signature is stylized and written over the word "Sincerely,".

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