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Ambassador Robert Lighthizer
United States Trade Representative
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508

Reference: Docket No. USTR-2018-0005; Request for Public Comment Concerning Proposed Determination of Action Pursuant to Section 301: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer,

I am writing as President of Louisiana Shrimp Association (LSA) representing the membership of LSA. We are in support of Senator John Kennedy's request to President Trump to have Chinese crawfish and shrimp included in the merchandise subject to increased tariffs in any action taken under 19 U.S.C. § 2411 (Section 301).

Louisiana Shrimp Association is a nonprofit organization formed by commercial shrimpers throughout the state of Louisiana. Our membership consist of commercial fishermen from Louisiana as well as Mississippi and Texas, wholesale and retail seafood dealers, state wide merchants, seafood processors and individuals that are concerned about the harm being done to our domestic shrimp market by imported shrimp into the USA.

We agree with Senator Kennedy's statement - "Including crawfish and shrimp would provide a much-needed economic boost to the Louisiana seafood industry, which supplies the finest seafood in the world. For years, Chinese companies have dumped inferior, sometimes fraudulent, seafood products into the American marketplace, and Louisiana industries have suffered as a result."

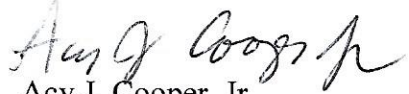
It seems that the Chinese shrimp industry and other foreign countries importing shrimp into the US are the only ones benefiting from present trade policies. American seafood harvesters are suffering greatly from the influx of Chinese seafood being dumped into the US. We also have concerns that this seafood, containing antibiotics and other banned chemicals, are being sold to our American consumers without their knowledge and could possibly lead to health risks.

Our American shrimp harvesters cannot compete with the low prices and the massive volume of foreign seafood that our own federal government is allowing to be dumped into the US.

We take great pride in our Louisiana Shrimp Industry but I am afraid we along with the whole American Shrimp Industry are on the verge of collapsing due to Chinese and other foreign imports.

We ask that you consider this request to include shrimp and crawfish. This would be a huge benefit to our American Seafood Industry and a much needed economic relief for our harvesters.

Sincerely,



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