Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman Brett W. Doyle
U.S. International Trade Commission
Office of International Trade Commission
500 E Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20436

Re: Docket 3945 - Letter in Support of Section 337 Complaint

Chairman Doyle,

As Members of the U.S. House of Representatives committed to protecting American workers, producers, and coastal economies, we write to express our strong support for the Section 337 complaint filed by U.S. shrimpers Versaggi Shrimp Corporation and W & W Dock LLP. concerning the use of forced labor in the Indian shrimp industry.

American shrimpers operate under some of the world's strongest labor, safety, and environmental standards. Yet they are being forced to compete against imported shrimp produced through practices that would be illegal in the United States. Unfair competition—whether through dumping, subsidies, or labor rights violations—distorts markets and directly harms U.S. producers. In this case, the use of forced labor represents a particularly egregious method of gaining an artificial and unlawful commercial advantage.

India is now the largest foreign supplier of shrimp to the United States, and its market share has grown rapidly in recent years. The complaint before the Commission details how forced labor in the Indian shrimp supply chain allows foreign producers to drive down costs and prices in the U.S. market, undercutting American fishermen and processors who play by the rules.

The result for U.S. shrimpers is severe. Prices have been suppressed, market share has eroded, and opportunities for investment and modernization have declined. Many domestic shrimping operations are struggling simply to stay afloat. U.S. shrimpers are not asking for special treatment—only a fair and level playing field, free from unfair acts and unfair methods of competition.

The Commission now has an important opportunity to institute what would be the first Section 337 investigation addressing allegations of forced labor in a U.S.-facing seafood supply chain. A thorough investigation would send a clear and necessary signal that companies cannot rely on labor exploitation to gain access to the U.S. market at the expense of American producers.

Allowing the U.S. shrimp market to be inundated with imports produced through forced labor undermines public health and welfare, distorts competitive conditions in the U.S. economy, weakens domestic production of like and directly competitive articles, and ultimately harms U.S. consumers. The Commission should not permit U.S. fishermen and coastal communities to be

driven out of the market by an industry that fails to respect basic, internationally recognized labor rights.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We would be pleased to provide any additional information that may be helpful to the Commission.

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress
Ranking Member, Committee on Natural Resources



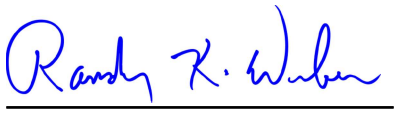
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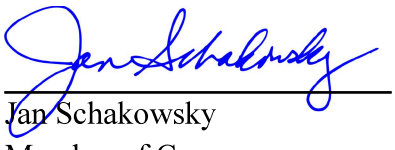
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