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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
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Dear Mr. President:

We write to you in connection with your upcoming determination in the section 201 safeguard investigation involving imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells – and, specifically, in connection with the potential for your determination in that investigation to resolve a long-standing dispute between the United States and China regarding US exports of polysilicon to China. We are employed by REC Silicon, a world-leading manufacturer of polysilicon, which is a critical component of the solar and semiconductor value chain. REC Silicon operates large scale industrial manufacturing facilities that previously employed more than 900 workers in Moses Lake, Washington and Butte, Montana.

In 2010, REC Silicon invested \$1.7 billion of its own money in a high-tech, solar-focused polysilicon manufacturing facility in Moses Lake, Washington. That facility, as well as our other US-based facilities, employ our advanced and unique technologies developed through our hard work and home-grown excellence here in the United States. As a result, REC Silicon is one of the lowest cost producers of high quality polysilicon in the world – we can compete head-to-head with our state subsidized Chinese competitors and beat them, and we do it here in the United States. We are the type of innovative and tenacious manufacturing workers that the United States should nurture, protect, and encourage.

Our company and industry have been devastated by the solar/polysilicon trade war between the US and China, that has blocked our exports from the Chinese market, which represents 80 percent of global demand. Unfortunately, the last Administration was not able to resolve this dispute, but you now have the opportunity to resolve the dispute and reinvigorate the US polysilicon industry. Since being forced out of the Chinese market in 2014 following the Chinese government's imposition of retaliatory duties on US exports of polysilicon, our company has reduced its production of solar-grade polysilicon by 50 percent and conducted several rounds of lay-offs, downsizing to just over 400 employees. Seeing our co-workers lose their jobs has been wrenching, but now the remaining jobs are at risk if this crippling dispute is not resolved soon. In a time of rising global demand for polysilicon, opportunities for US producers – the most efficient and competitive manufacturers of polysilicon in the world – should be experiencing healthy expansion, not rapid contraction.

To ensure that the US polysilicon industry's future meets its promise, it is imperative that any remedy in the solar section 201 case includes a resolution that opens China's market for US polysilicon producers like REC Silicon. With your upcoming decision, you have a unique opportunity to create a comprehensive trade win for US interests – including both U.S. producers of solar cells and modules, as well as producers of polysilicon. If your decision does not include measures to reopen the Chinese market to exports of US polysilicon, it will be a lost opportunity to support the US polysilicon industry and its employees. Absent a prompt resolution of the polysilicon dispute with China, the US polysilicon industry will be further damaged and by closing its massive market to US exports, the Chinese government will create an opportunity for its own domestic producers to hijack and dominate this industry in which the US was once the dominant force.

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We strongly urge that you announce a comprehensive settlement of the US-China solar/polysilicon trade dispute as part of the solar section 201 remedy. The Chinese government has fought vigorously to protect and promote the long-term interests of its own polysilicon industry. We are counting on you to do the same for the U.S. industry.

Sincerely,

The Employees of REC Silicon

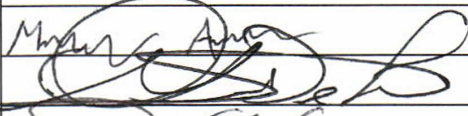
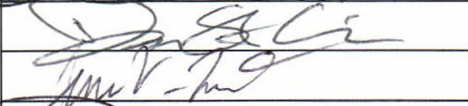
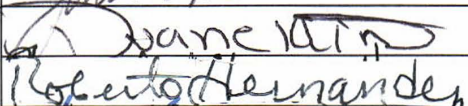
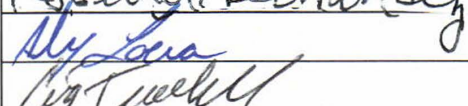
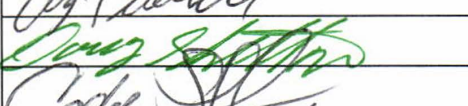
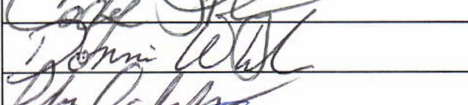


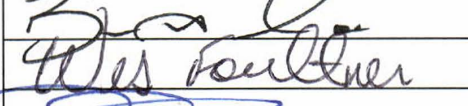
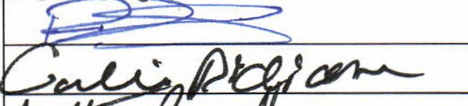
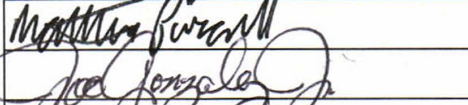
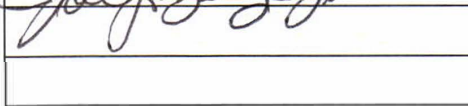
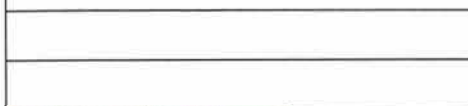
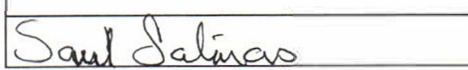





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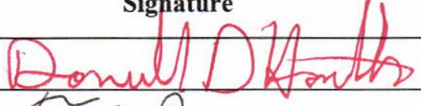
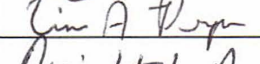
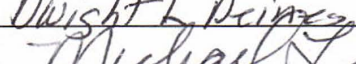
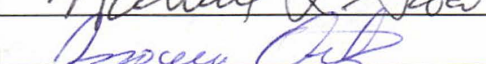
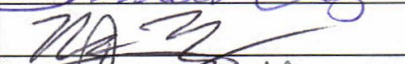


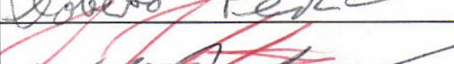


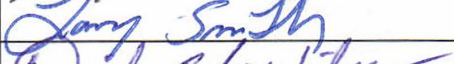

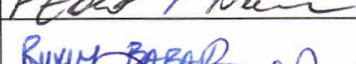
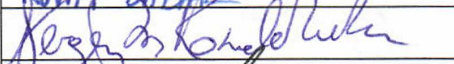




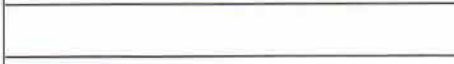

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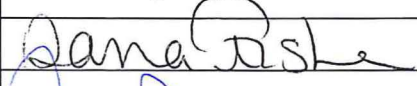

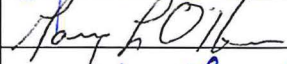

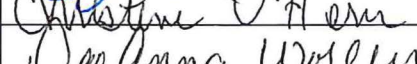
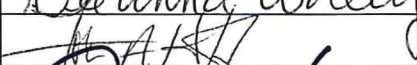


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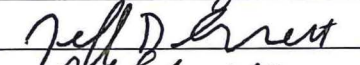





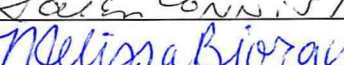
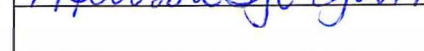

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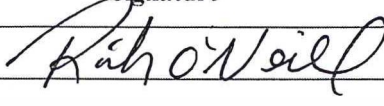
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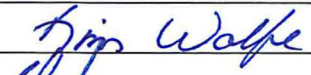
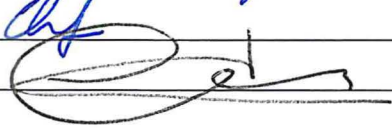
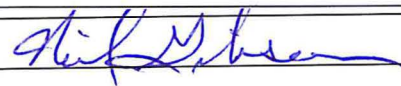

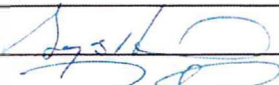
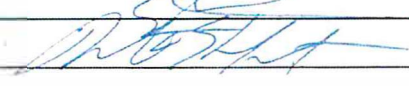
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