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The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Michael Froman  
United States Trade Representative  
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative  
600 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. President and Ambassador Froman:

Thank you for your leadership in promoting a more prosperous, sustainable and secure American clean energy future and for your support of American solar industries, which have experienced impressive growth since your administration took office in 2009. I write to you again today on the subject of the multi-year solar trade dispute between the United States and China and to urge you to work with the Chinese government and with relevant industry partners in both countries to bring a swift and final resolution to this matter.

As you know, since 2011 China and the United States have imposed successive antidumping and countervailing tariffs on each other's imports of American polysilicon and Chinese solar panels. While American polysilicon companies were for a time able to continue to access the Chinese market – their largest, globally – that access effectively ended in 2014. This trade disruption has had significant negative consequences for American polysilicon manufacturing businesses, including REC Silicon, which operates facilities in Moses Lake, Washington, and Montana. These consequences could grow worse if this issue is not resolved quickly.

I have had a chance to discuss this matter with Ambassador Froman and with other senior White House officials, and at my direction my staff has remained in diligent communication with stakeholders in the American polysilicon and solar manufacturing industries, and with your team, in order to help bring about a resolution between the parties. I believe that important progress has been made. I appreciate the hard work that your team has dedicated to this subject, and I encourage your administration to work with the Chinese government, and the relevant business



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groups, to reach a global settlement which includes a restoration of meaningful market access for American polysilicon exports to China.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue for Washington State.

Very truly yours,



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The Honorable Patty Murray, United States Senator  
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, United States Senator