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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

February 6, 2012

The Honorable Ronald Kirk  
U.S. Trade Representative  
600 17th Street Nw  
Washington, DC 20508-0001

Dear Ambassador Kirk:

As a Representative from Pennsylvania, which has suffered thousands of job losses due to the unfair trade practices of China, I am writing to request that you immediately initiate a World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute contesting the recent duties China has imposed on American vehicles.

China's Ministry of Commerce recently announced that China will levy antidumping and countervailing duties on imports from the United States of some vehicles with engine capacities over 2.5 liters. These duties are unacceptable and unjustified, and are part of a continued pattern of unfair trade practices by the Chinese government.

More than 400,000 jobs in the U.S. auto supply chain have been lost since 2000 and another 1.6 million U.S. jobs are at risk unless China's illegal trading practices are curtailed, according to three new reports just issued by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) and the Law Offices of Steward and Steward. In addition to massive, illegal government subsidies, China also employs currency manipulation to artificially lower the cost of its exports, which further cripples the U.S. manufacturing industry.

In the last decade alone, six million American manufacturing jobs and 55,000 plants have been lost. We must stop China's abusive practices that cost countless American jobs and contribute to our enormous trade deficit. Stronger U.S. manufacturing will help keep America a place of world-leading innovation with a strong middle class.

I strongly urge you to immediately initiate a WTO dispute on this matter, and I have also written to the President expressing my concerns and urging his immediate action. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Critz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

MARK S. CRITZ  
Member of Congress