

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Troy A. Miller
Acting Commissioner
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20229

The Honorable Katherine Tai
U.S. Trade Representative
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20508

Re: Omission of certain Russian ferrosilicon (HTSUS 7202.21.50) from Presidential Proclamation 10420

Dear Acting Commissioner Miller and Ambassador Tai:

As the Senate leads on efforts to remove Permanent Normal Trade Relations from Russia, we applaud the Administration for the steps it has taken to use all available economic tools to address Russia's decision to unlawfully invade Ukraine. However, more must be done. Accordingly, we are requesting that the Administration increase the Column 2 duty on Russian ferrosilicon containing 75 percent silicon to 35 percent *ad valorem*. This effort will help replace Russian imports that finance their illegal invasion.

The President's "Increasing Duties on Certain Articles From the Russian Federation" Proclamation 10420, issued on June 27, 2022, increased duties on four of five categories of ferrosilicon, an alloy of silicon and iron important for steel production. The fifth category of Russian ferrosilicon containing 75 percent silicon ("Si 75% ferrosilicon") accounts for most Russian ferrosilicon imports into the United States.

Globe Specialty Metals, Inc. ("Globe") and CC Metals and Alloys, LLC ("CCMA") are two American producers of ferrosilicon. Since October 2021, CCMA has invested more than \$10 million towards the expansion of its American production operations, creating new jobs in the process. According to industry projected production capacity, CCMA and Globe believe they could immediately replace nearly all Russian imports without supply interruptions. In addition to the ferrosilicon produced domestically, the U.S. market also receives Si 75% ferrosilicon imports from countries other than Russia, including Brazil, Malaysia, Kazakhstan, Canada, Norway, and Iceland.

We urge you to increase the Column 2 duty on Si 75 percent ferrosilicon from Russia, HTSUS 7202.21.50, to the same level as the other four categories of Russian ferrosilicon from. Doing so will increase U.S. domestic production of ferrosilicon and will also limit a source of revenue that fuels Russia's ongoing atrocities in Ukraine.

Thank you for your consideration of this request; we look forward to working with you to strengthen the U.S. economy and continue to take a strong stand against Russian aggression.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator



Bill Cassidy
United States Senator

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Secretary Janet Yellen
Secretary Gina Raimondo