

November 13, 2017

The Honorable Rhonda K. Scmidtlein, Chairman The Honorable David S. Johanson, Vice Chairman The Honorable Irving Williamson, Commissioner The Honorable Meredith Broadbent, Commissioner The Honorable F. Scott Kieff, Commisioner

Subject: Uncoated Groundwood Paper from Canada, INV. No, 701-TA-584

and 731-TA-1382

Dear United States International Trade Commission Commissioners:

Our membership represents community publications distributed to more than 14,000,000 homes across the United States. The connection our publications bridge between the local consumers and merchants in the communities we service is an essential component to maintaining a stable local economy.

Almost all of those publications rely on uncoated groundwood paper to publish their papers every week, and any actions relating to the imposition of excessive import duties on the largest raw materials component of our papers would have a catastrophic impact. That impact would impact our employees, the employees of the companies that advertise in our publications, and most importantly, the readers who rely on the information provided by our publications.

Tampering with an information source to millions of Americans and the welfare of several hundred thousand publishing company employees to deal with a situation with newsprint that has evolved over the last 50 years and a company with 400 employees does not seem to be prudent public policy. This complex issue needs to be examined carefully, and potential solutions need to be planned to minimize long-term, negative impacts in favor of more positive outcomes.

We appreciate your consideration of our deepest concerns.

Respectfully,

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