

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Amy A. Karpel
Chairwoman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20436

April 1, 2026

Dear Chairwoman Karpel:

We write in regard to the future of the United States' methylene diphenyl diisocyanate (MDI) industry, a critical component to our national security and manufacturing sectors nationwide. China has unfairly dumped MDI into the market, undercutting American producers and distorting U.S. markets. We strongly urge you to enforce U.S. trade remedy laws to ensure domestic MDI producers can compete fairly in the global market.

MDI plays a vital role in America's industrial sector, functioning as a key component of the domestic polyurethane market and across American supply chains. This critical raw material produces both rigid and flexible foams used in building materials, vehicle parts, furnishings, and insulation, essential for construction and manufacturing industries. MDI by-products are also used in essential industries, such as wastewater treatment. In all, this is a \$35 billion industry supporting nearly 60,000 American jobs, essential to local economies, like in mid-Michigan, where producers are based.¹

We need to support American producers, but instead, we have seen China unfairly undercut and stress the domestic MDI market. For years, China has dumped MDI imports far below fair market value, forcing our producers to compete with artificially low prices and ultimately devalue American-made products.² These unethical tactics not only undermine fair competition, destabilize American economic interests, and threaten our jobs but also undermine national security. If we do not produce MDI at home, our supply chains across critical sectors will become vulnerable to Chinese leverage.

We cannot afford to lose our domestic operations to foreign producers that take advantage of unfair practices to dismantle the U.S. industry. We urge the Commission to make an affirmative material injury determination to grant relief from these unfair trade practices and sustain U.S. domestic production and the workforce in Michigan and across the United States.

We appreciate your attention to this critical matter and urge swift action to protect American manufacturers and workers.

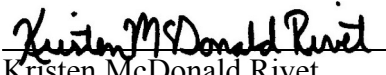
Sincerely,

¹ American Chemistry Council: [The Economic Benefits Of The U.S. Polyurethanes Industry](#)

² International Trade Administration: [Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigation of Methylene Diphenyl Diisocyanate from China](#)

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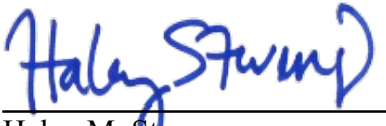
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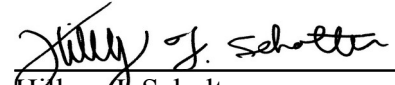
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