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The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo  
Secretary of Commerce  
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Dear Secretary Raimondo:

On behalf of the more than 530,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I ask that you respectfully deny the anti-dumping duty (ADD) and countervailing duty (CVD) petition on crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells and modules imported from Southeast Asia. Specifically, Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam. At risk is the rapidly growing buildout of our nation's solar industry, the race to help combat climate change, and most importantly, the thousands of good union construction jobs within the solar energy sector.

The Biden Administration is the most pro-union, pro-worker administration that has ever taken office. Because of this, for the first time in history, labor standards and protections are required when seeking energy tax credits under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), including production tax credits (PTC) and investment tax credits (ITC) for solar energy projects. These requirements have turned a once low-wage, low-road sector of construction into a booming industry that is now employing our members like never before. All of this, however, is now under threat of being lost because of this trade issue.


It is no surprise that because of this solar boom, demand for supply is at an all-time high. As more domestic manufacturers are under construction and utilizing IRA tax credits, current production cannot meet the solar industry's needs. This petition will only hinder growth, increase costs, and put a significant amount of stress on an already limited supply chain. We need to alleviate solar supply issues, not double down on them.

The solar industry is finally providing family-supporting union jobs for our members across the country. Moving forward with this petition, however, will upend these opportunities for thousands of hardworking members of LIUNA and only slow our renewable energy buildout.

LIUNA respectfully asks that you reject the anti-dumping duty and countervailing duty petition on solar products from Southeast Asia.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
**BRENT BOOKER**  
General President

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