

## II. Petitioners

This petition is filed by United States Representatives Benjamin L. Cardin and Christopher H. Smith and by the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). The AFL-CIO's fifty-three affiliated unions represent approximately nine million workers in the United States, including more than two million manufacturing workers.<sup>56</sup>

Members of AFL-CIO unions work across the entire spectrum of U.S. manufacturing, including: aerospace, aluminum, appliances, automobiles, automotive parts, beverages, boilers, building components, chemicals, computers, confectionary, containers, electronics, energy, food processing, household products, kitchen equipment, machining, metalworking, paper, printing and publishing, petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, pipe-making, plastics, railroad cars, shipbuilding, shoes, steel, stove-making, telecommunications equipment, tires, tool and die, and countless other sectors of manufacturing.<sup>57</sup>

The AFL-CIO, its affiliated unions, and the members of those unions are “interested parties” under section 301(d)(9) and section 302(a)(1) of the Trade Act.<sup>58</sup> Their interests in jobs, wages, and benefits are directly affected by the Chinese government's persistent pattern of denying workers' rights in the manufacturing of goods for sale (in competition with U.S.-based producers) in the United States market, in China's domestic market, and in third-country markets.<sup>59</sup> This petition applies to all such manufactured goods.

Representative Cardin and Smith are “interested parties” by virtue of their representation of the interests of workers in their respective Districts.

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<sup>56</sup> AFL-CIO unions with members in manufacturing include: Bakery, Confectionary, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union (BCTGM); Communications Workers of America/International Union of Electrical Workers (CWA/IUE); International Association of Machinists (IAM); International Brotherhood of Boilermakers (IBB); International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW); Graphics Communications International Union (GCIU); Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical & Energy Workers International Union (PACE); Sheet Metal Workers International Association; United Automobile Workers (UAW); United Mineworkers of America (UMWA); United Steelworkers of America (USWA).

<sup>57</sup> See Appendix B.

<sup>58</sup> 15 CFR § 2006.0(b) provides that “a certified union or recognized union or a group of workers which is representative of an industry engaged in the manufacture, production or wholesale distribution in the United States of a product or service” affected by the “act, policy, or practice complained of” is an interested party.

<sup>59</sup> 15 CFR § 2006.1(1), (5).