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Submitted Testimony of United States Senator Al Franken  
Subject: Certain Uncoated Paper from Australia, Brazil, China, Indonesia and Portugal  
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Dear Chairwoman Broadbent and members of the Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of our domestic paper industry, and its petitions for the imposition of antidumping and countervailing duties on imports of subsidized uncoated paper from China, Indonesia, Australia, Brazil, and Portugal.

This is an important case for my state. The Packaging Corporation of America—one of the petitioners—produces uncoated paper at its mill in International Falls, Minnesota. The mill is vital to this town that has a population of approximately 6,500 people. Unfortunately, imports of dumped and subsidized paper in recent years have caused four of its paper machines to shut down, eliminating 265 jobs.

Going forward, we have to make sure we protect this industry—and its jobs—from further harm. The jobs that are being eliminated are good paying jobs with good benefits. Furthermore, imports of dumped and subsidized paper are causing harm to many downstream jobs in transportation, logging, and contracting. Finally, dumped and subsidized imports are harming an industry whose tax revenues support fire departments and schools, as well as other community services. I think you can see why this is an important issue to me and to my state.

The fact of the matter is that our producers are being injured by imports of dumped and subsidized paper. I think we owe it to our U.S. manufacturers who are playing by the rules to even the playing field. That way they are not forced to compete with illegally dumped and subsidized imports.

I ask that you give strong consideration to the petitions that are before you.

Sincerely,



Al Franken  
United States Senator