

# United States Senate

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April 29, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In June 2022, you declared an emergency related to the availability of solar products and authorized the Secretary of Commerce to waive antidumping and countervailing duties on solar products originating from China but imported from key Southeast Asian countries. In August 2022, Congress passed and you signed into law the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which has driven record solar manufacturing investments across the country. However, a massive influx of solar imports from Southeast Asia has recently flooded the market and put at risk these investments in American manufacturing.

The shortage of solar products is over; we now face a glut of imported panels that are circumventing our trade policy and threatening our manufacturers. Therefore, I urge you to act swiftly to declare an immediate end to the emergency. This action would demonstrate your support for American manufacturers who, spurred by incentives passed in the IRA, have committed to America's workers, economic development, and energy security.

These nascent investments in strategic American manufacturing are now at serious risk due to a massive influx of Southeast Asian imports, for which antidumping and countervailing duties are waived during the ongoing state of emergency. These duties were originally imposed in 2012 after the Department of Commerce found that solar products from China were dumped in the U.S. market and unfairly subsidized by the Chinese government.

In 2022, the United States imported 28.9 GW of solar modules; in 2023, these imports rose by 87.8% to surpass 54.3 GW. This far exceeds U.S. solar installations of 26.5 GW in 2023 as well as the projected 2024 U.S. solar installation level of 43.6 GW. These figures demonstrate that the emergency you declared in 2022 is over. There is no shortage of these solar products in the United States; to the contrary, a glut of imports, many of which are likely circumventing U.S. tariffs on China, poses a serious threat to U.S. solar manufacturing.

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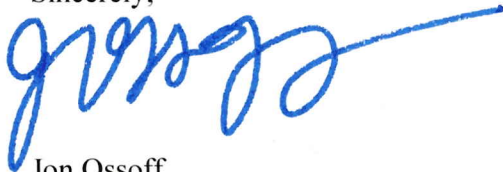
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If the United States does not recognize and adapt quickly to these new market conditions, the Administration risks undercutting U.S. energy independence and national security, which are the core legislative objectives of the IRA. That is why I urge you to declare an immediate end to the emergency to prevent stifling America's burgeoning advanced energy manufacturing economy.

Sincerely,



Jon Ossoff  
United States Senator

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