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June 10, 2021

Acting Commissioner Troy Miller U.S. Customs and Border Protection 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, DC 20229

Acting Commissioner Miller:

We write to respectfully request that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) immediately take aggressive enforcement actions regarding polysilicon products entering the United States from Xinjiang, China.

In response to detailed allegations regarding the prevalence of forced labor in polysilicon production in Xinjiang, CBP sent a letter to Members of Congress in December 2020 confirming that it will investigate such allegations and take all appropriate follow up action. In a subsequent briefing with congressional offices of Ways and Means members working in February 2021, CBP asserted that enforcement actions regarding polysilicon were forthcoming. However, CBP has yet to take a single enforcement action, even though it received allegations more than seven months ago and suggested imminent enforcement action nearly three months ago. CBP has had sufficient time to review the disturbing facts regarding forced labor and polysilicon production in Xinjiang—we believe it is time to act.

There is overwhelming evidence of the use of forced labor in polysilicon production that we believe exceeds the standard for acting in accordance with Section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. §1307). CBP must act quickly to enforce our laws prohibiting the use of forced and slave labor from entering our country. Our government cannot sit idly by. We need you to take strong action. American jobs, our economy and our values are at stake.

Sincerely,

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