



# CROWN EXTRUSIONS, INC.

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Brad Botwin  
Director, Industrial Services  
Bureau of Industry and Security  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Botwin:

Pursuant to the Department of Commerce's Section 232 Investigation into aluminum imports, I wish to offer the following information:

Crown Extrusions has been in business at this location since 1985. We are a privately held aluminum extruder serving the manufacturing needs of approximately 400 companies in the United States. We have two location(s) in Chaska, Minnesota.

At these facilities, we employ 130 people. We are an aluminum parts producer. Succinctly, we receive aluminum alloys in log-form to produce other products used by construction, transportation, recreation, electronics, agriculture, etc. More information on our company and products can be found on our website [www.crownextrusions.com](http://www.crownextrusions.com).

Similar to other US manufacturers, we would like the products that we produce to be protected from low cost imports, **but a blanket duty on all aluminum imports will do more harm than good**. Increasing the cost of primary aluminum through tariffs or other measures could negatively impact our business and the overall US downstream sector putting many jobs at risk.

Not all offshore aluminum producers are guilty of "price dumping", and a broad brushed tariff is not going to help secure our American producers. Only a healthy economy, fair competition and affordable energy costs will ensure the survival of these great companies.



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We support the American Smelting Industry as much as we can. However, we can't buy everything from them. At full capacity, these smelters could not supply all of the aluminum needed in the United States. So, if the extruders of this country couldn't source additional needs at a reasonable price, the manufacturing base in the U.S.A would be enticed to purchase finished goods offshore, thus hurting employment here.

I know you have a difficult assessment ahead of you, and I appreciate that you took the time to read and consider this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terry Mueller".

Terry Mueller COO

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cc. Congressman Erik Paulsen