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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

FROM: Mike Cys

DATE: 5/29/2020

SUBJECT: Ex Parte phone call with Rep. Mark Amodei

On May 29, 2020, a number of Department of Commerce officials held a telephone conference with Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV) and Ryan Dierker Legislative Assistant for the Congressman. The Bureau of Industry and Security officials on the call included Assistant Secretary for Export Administration Richard Ashooh, Director of Congressional and Public Affairs Mike Cys, and Director of Technology and Services Kevin Coyne. Legislative Affairs Specialist Eileen Dombrowski from the Department of Commerce's Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs also joined the call.

Mr. Dierker was notified during the call via email that the meeting may be made public as part of the administrative record pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, and other applicable law or policy.

During the course of the telephone conference, Rep. Amodei said he wanted to better understand the Section 232 exclusion and rebuttal process and asked for an update on some exclusion requests that affected a constituent company Panasonic. Asst. Sec. Ashooh provided him with an update on the requests and an overview of the process. Rep. Amodei expressed some concerns about the complexity of the overall process and said he would check back in with the company. We indicated that any suggestions on how to improve the process would be welcomed by the Department and pointed to the recently published Notice of Inquiry.

Rep. Amodei said he appreciated the conversation.