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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) is welcoming the U.S. Department of Commerce’s recent recommendation that anti-dumping duties be placed on Chinese oil country tubular goods. In May, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) will vote on whether to issue a final recommendation to the President in favor of imposing anti-dumping duties on these goods.

“The U.S. Department of Commerce’s recent recommendation strengthens the case for imposing anti-dumping duties on Chinese tubular goods,” Altmire said. “Given the additional evidence that anti-dumping duties on Chinese oil country tubular goods are both needed and justified, I am once again urging the ITC to rule in favor of imposing them.”

In December, Altmire testified before the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) in support of placing countervailing and anti-dumping duties on Chinese oil country tubular goods imports. Altmire’s testimony supported a petition filed with the ITC last April by several domestic steel manufacturers – including U.S. Steel, TMK IPSCO, and Wheatland Tube Corporation – and the United Steelworkers requesting these duties.

On December 30, 2009, the ITC ruled that Chinese oil country tubular goods are putting American manufacturers at a disadvantage. This ruling paved the way for placing countervailing duties on Chinese goods, which will help to off-set the unfair advantages Chinese manufacturers have enjoyed in US markets as a result of government subsidies. Anti-dumping duties would counteract China’s attempts to flood American markets with underpriced goods.

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