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RE: Docket No. USTR-2018-0026-0001

The Honorable Robert E. Lighthizer United States Trade Representative 600 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

The Reshoring Bicycle Production Team is an organization that is devoted to reshoring bicycles to the USA. Kent International is a New Jersey based bicycle company that builds and assembles bicycles in South Carolina. Kent is a leading brand for complete bikes sold by mass markets and Independent bicycle dealers. Kent builds nearly every type of bicycle in the market place including mountain, road, commuter, children's, and fitness bicycles. On behalf of the RBPT and Kent, we request the opportunity to testify before the Section 301 Committee at the hearing on August 20-23 regarding the proposed ten percent tariff increase on goods imported from China. This proposal identifies many Harmonized Tariff Schedule lines that include bicycles and bicycle products.

Specifically, Arnold Kamler, Chairman and CEO for Kent International and founder of the Reshoring Bicycle Production organization or Scott Kamler who is the company President would like to testify on behalf of Kent and the reshoring initiative.

Arnold's contact information is:

Arnold Kamler Chairman and CEO Kent International Inc. 60 East Halsey Road Parsippany, NJ, 07054-3705 Email: Arnold@kent.bike

Below is a summary of the testimony Arnold Kamler will provide:

The U.S. Trade Representative has proposed a 25 percent tariff increase on approximately \$200 billion worth of goods imported from China as part of the interagency Section 301 Committee investigation. The proposal includes dozens of codes within the Harmonized Tariff Schedule that affect bicycles, components, and other bicycle related products. Arnolds's testimony will include an assessment of the effects of the tariff on the U.S. bicycle industry. We will focus on how the tariffs would affect the market for bicycle assembly, complete bicycles and bicycle frames in the United States. This may

include, but is not limited to, bicycles and frames included within Harmonized Tariff Schedule headings 8712 and 8714. Arnold will discuss whether a higher tariff on complete bicycles and frames would further the U.S. Trade Representative's goal of reducing the theft of intellectual property from the United States, and how a 25 percent tariff increase is likely to affect suppliers of complete bicycles and frames like Kent.

The Reshoring Bicycle Production Team and Kent appreciate the opportunity to share our perspective. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Arnold Kamler

CEO and Chairman