



September 25, 2006

Member of the Senate
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

I am writing on behalf of the nearly 1,300 members of the Electronic Industries Alliance, to express our opposition to S. 295, which authorizes the imposition of a 27.5 percent tariff on imports from China.

EIA strongly supports efforts ensuring that international trade is conducted on a level playing field and that exchange rates reflect market forces. However, we do not believe that this legislation is the correct way to address concerns about the value of the Yuan with regard to the U.S. dollar.

We believe that the threat of a substantial tariff on all goods imported from China is likely to undermine the efforts of U.S. government and industry to promote reform in China and to build better trade relations with a nation that is so important to the U.S. in the 21st century. Further, because the imposition of such tariffs would be a violation of the United States' commitments under the WTO, it could subject U.S. trade to significant retaliatory penalties. The trade and security of the U.S. would be harmed by S. 295, rather than enhanced. Additionally, it is important to note that these tariffs would inflict significant economic damage on U.S. consumers and industries that use the affected products.

Should S. 295 or similar legislation come before you for a vote during the remainder of this session, we urge you to oppose it.

Sincerely,

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