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The Honorable Frank Wolf
Chairman, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Wolf,

Thank you very much for holding the May 22 Hearing of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary on the impact of Chinese imports on U.S. industries.

NEMA would like to take this opportunity to underscore the importance for Congress to provide increased funding to the U.S. Customs Service, which is now a part of the Border and Transportation Security Directorate within the Department of Homeland Security, for enforcement activities specifically related to finding and seizing counterfeit manufactured products.

As Frank Vargo of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) outlined in his testimony to the hearing, counterfeiting and other intellectual property rights (IPR) violations are large and growing issues with China that require U.S. government action. As I am sure you realize, U.S. importation of counterfeit of electrical products raises not only commercial concerns but also consumer safety concerns as well.

NEMA is the largest trade association representing the interests of U.S. electrical industry manufacturers, whose worldwide annual sales of electrical products exceed \$120 billion. Our more than 400 member companies manufacture products used in the generation, transmission, distribution, control, and use of electricity. These products, by and large unregulated, are used in utility, industrial, commercial, institutional and residential installations.

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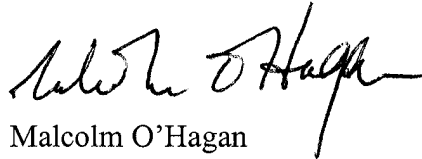
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NEMA is currently working with several of its manufacturers and Underwriters Laboratories (UL) to identify counterfeit products, a large number of which originate in China, and to work toward improving training of Customs enforcement officials in this area.

Mr. Chairman, we look forward to working with you and the Subcommittee further as you develop an approach to provide Customs with adequate funds to ensure secure trade and legal trade.

Sincerely,



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