

United States House of Representatives
Committee on Financial Services
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 2, 2011

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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your letter to the Financial Services Committee on behalf of your constituents concerning Chinese drywall and the ongoing burden this hazardous building material has placed on homeowners. As many as 200 of my own constituents have been impacted by Chinese drywall to date, and I have worked diligently with them and the relevant Agencies to reach an equitable resolution for all parties.

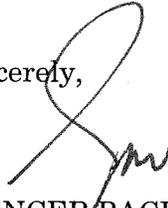
With this in mind, I sent a letter (attached) to Congressman Fred Upton, the Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, requesting his attention to this issue, as it falls within his Committee's area of jurisdiction. Because the building materials in question involve trade agreements and import/export standards, and because the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which falls under the jurisdiction of Energy and Commerce, has been intimately involved with the Chinese Drywall issue from its inception, it is my belief Energy and Commerce is the appropriate committee of jurisdiction to address this matter. I join you in your call for hearings to explore the genesis of this situation, the ongoing impact on homeowners, and avenues by which the Federal government can ensure this scenario or one like it does not again occur.

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Thank you for your letter and I look forward to working with you on this and other issues in the 112th Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Spencer Bachus', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

SPENCER BACHUS
Chairman

Enclosure

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May 23, 2011

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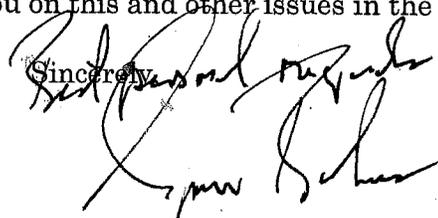
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing you concerning the issue of Chinese Drywall, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Energy and Commerce Committee. Chinese Drywall has impacted over 200 of my constituents to date, and I have worked diligently with my staff on solutions for these families facing mortgage payments on top of rent costs during the remediation process for their impacted homes. I believe this issue has reached the point where it deserves the attention of the Committee of jurisdiction here in Washington.

On May 25, 2010, the Consumer Product Safety Commission publicly identified the drywall manufacturers – all of them domiciled in China – whose products were guilty of emitting high levels of hydrogen sulfide. Since that time, the impacted homeowners have pursued litigation as well as remediation efforts as they attempt to address the impacts of Chinese Drywall. Due to the health hazards posed by Chinese Drywall, including respiratory problems such as asthma attacks, chronic coughing and difficulty breathing, as well as chronic headaches and sinus issues, homeowners are unable to occupy or sell the homes in question. It is my hope that a thorough examination of this issue by your Committee will expedite a resolution for these homeowners and protect future buyers from a similar fate.

Because the building materials in question involve trade agreements and import/export standards, and because the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which falls under the jurisdiction of Energy and Commerce, has been intimately involved with the Chinese Drywall issue from its inception, I would like to request your attention to this matter. If you deem it appropriate, I suggest a hearing with the relevant regulators and stake holders to examine the appropriate role of the Federal government in any remediation efforts and steps going forward to ensure this situation does not arise again. I am happy to work with you to produce a result that is equitable and just for those impacted by this unfortunate circumstance.

I look forward to working with you on this and other issues in the 112th Congress.

Sincerely,


SPENCER BACHUS
Chairman