

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague:

Thousands of homeowners in thirty-eight states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and America Samoa have been victims of tainted drywall from China. This drywall has caused and continues to cause destruction and damage to homes by corroding copper piping and wiring, which causes the failure of air conditioning systems, telecommunications wiring, wiring for lighting, and other household appliances. In addition, homeowners and their families have suffered serious health problems.

We have introduced HR 4212, the "Contaminated Drywall Safety Act," to prevent future homeowners from becoming victims of this defective product. This legislation:

- Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of State should insist that the government of China force manufacturers to submit to the jurisdiction of U.S. courts and comply with any decisions issued by the courts for homeowners with contaminated drywall.
- Declares Chinese manufactured drywall to be a banned hazardous product in accordance with the Consumer Product Safety Act.
- Allows the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) the flexibility to exempt manufacturers which it certifies as producers of non-hazardous drywall.
- Requires the CPSC to promulgate regulations on the disposal of Chinese drywall and to create a standard test to identify such drywall.

By enacting this legislation Congress can prevent new hazardous Chinese drywall from being imported into the United States and ensure that existing drywall is properly disposed of so that it does not enter the recycling stream and cause hardship for future homeowners.

To be a cosponsor of this legislation, please contact Nathanael Ferguson in Representative Scott Rigell's office at Nathanael.Ferguson@mail.house.gov or ext. 54215 or Joshua Lipman in Representative Ted Deutch's office by email at Joshua.Lipman@mail.house.gov or by phone at ext. 68590.

Sincerely,



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