

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Penny Pritzker
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
Room 5421
14th Street and Constitution Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Pritzker,

We are writing regarding your efforts to enforce the Sense of Congress provisions in the *Drywall Safety Act of 2012* (Public Law No. 112-266) that was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President on January 14, 2013. We are requesting an update on your efforts to comply with this law.

As you may be aware, Section 2 of the *Drywall Safety Act of 2012* provides:

It is the sense of Congress that--

- (1) the Secretary of Commerce should insist that the Government of the People's Republic of China, which has ownership interests in the companies that manufactured and exported problematic drywall to the United States, facilitate a meeting between the companies and representatives of the United States Government on remedying homeowners that have problematic drywall in their homes; and
- (2) the Secretary of Commerce should insist that the Government of the People's Republic of China direct the companies that manufactured and exported problematic drywall to submit to jurisdiction in United States Federal Courts and comply with any decisions issued by the Courts for homeowners with problematic drywall.

Across the country, innocent homeowners with problematic Chinese drywall have experienced and continue to experience destruction to their homes by corroding copper piping and wiring, which causes the failure of air conditioning systems, telecommunications wiring, wiring for lighting, and other household appliances.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you on this issue and to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,



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