

**Testimony Of Congressman Michael R. Turner  
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Submitted to the International Trade Commission  
Regarding the Investigation of Thermal Paper Dumping From Germany, Japan, Korea  
And Spain  
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Chair Kearns and members of the Commission, thank you for allowing me to speak today on behalf of the Domtar Corporation and the hard-working people of Southwest Ohio.

Domtar is a leading manufacturer of thermal paper and is an influential employer in Ohio's 10th District. They provide well-paying manufacturing jobs that include benefits for the employees and have two different locations in my district, the Washington Court House Converting Center and the West Carrollton factory which is one of their main plants. West Carrollton produces more than 2.2 million tons of paper each year and currently employs 75 hourly employees and 18 salaried (93 exact). They are hoping to expand to a 7-day per week operation which would add 17 more hourly employees and 3 salaried. In 2022, this facility will produce 104,500 tons of POS (point-of-sale) and TLE (tag, label and entertainment) products.

In the early 2000s, the Dayton community was hit hard when GM motors, the National Cash Register Corporation, and other manufacturing plants closed their doors to set up shop overseas. This left many of my neighbors struggling to find quality paying jobs with benefits.

The Ohio workforce relies heavily on manufacturing companies and our economy will suffer if the ITC fails to take action to level the global marketplace. In 2016, good exports supported nearly 250,000 jobs in Ohio and an estimated 10.7 million jobs nationally.

Today, we are recovering from an economic crisis and inflation is skyrocketing. For that reason and more, we must strongly enforce trade practices that ensure the U.S. has a fair opportunity to participate in the global market on a level playing field with overseas competitors. The unfair exportation of thermal paper that is being conducted by Germany, Japan, Korea and Spain is distorting the free flow of goods and harming American business in the global marketplace and Southwest Ohio alike.

If foreign companies continue dumping thermal paper into America, Domtar will have to drastically cut operations and we will lose this critical capability. With the COVID-19 pandemic slowing production worldwide, the U.S. cannot afford to fall behind on our domestic production due to the unfair practices of other countries. By flooding American markets with foreign

thermal paper products, Americans are suffering. Today, I urge the ITC to examine this issue and work to set up the proper precautions to prevent dumping and the collapse of the Domtar Plant in my community.

Thank you.