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Dear Commissioner Malmstrom

Earlier this month the European Commission determined to end the minimum import price, anti-dumping and anti-subsidy duties on solar panels and cells imported to the EU from China and other Asian countries. I would like to convey SolarPower Europe's full support and appreciation for this move. We understand that this may have been a difficult decision for you in the current context of the international trade arena, but we are sure that this is the right decision.

By removing the measures, you have encouraged solar deployment to grow in Europe and generate much needed economic benefits such as jobs and wealth. Importantly this economic growth will be in the technologies that will power Europe's future and deliver clean energy for all Europeans. This decision will help the European Union to lead on renewable deployment once again.

As we have expressed to you in our communications, we believe that the best tool to support industrial growth in Europe is a comprehensive clean energy industrial policy, something that the European Commission is looking to achieve through the Clean Energy Industrial Forum. This is an initiative we support and welcome the Commission's leadership in this area. We look forward to seeing the growth of this initiative in the coming months.

I offer our sincere gratitude once again Commissioner, we look forward to reaping the benefits of your decision and seeing a sustainable and healthy growth in solar deployment across the European Union.

Yours Sincerely



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