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## Feds Rule In Favor of Maine Manufacturing Jobs Against Illegal Chinese Subsidies

*Rep. Poliquin applauds Dept. of Commerce's ruling to protect  
Maine manufacturing jobs*

**WASHINGTON** – In a win for Maine manufacturing jobs, the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) determined in an initial ruling last week that Chinese manufacturers have been illegally dumping amorphous silica fiber (ASF) into the marketplace, unfairly undercutting Auburn Manufacturing (AMI), an employer of 48 Mainers. The International Trade Administration (ITA) ruled to impose provisional duties to combat against these illegal subsidies. This ruling in favor of provisional duties is an encouraging sign that the DOC and ITA will continue to pursue these illegal trade practices from Chinese companies that are unfairly competing with manufacturers in Maine. Congressman Poliquin released the following statement:

“For the dozens of workers at Auburn Manufacturing, and the thousands more manufacturing jobs across our State, this is an important step in protecting our industries against unfair and illegal trade,” **said Congressman Poliquin**. “Unfair and illegal trade has harmed and threatened countless jobs in our State for the past few decades. This is a win for these Maine jobs.”

“We thank the DOC for this preliminary investigation, and the entire Maine congressional delegation for its support while we work through the process,” **said Kathie Leonard, President/CEO of Auburn Manufacturing**. “And this is just the beginning. Although these initial CVD margins show that Chinese exporters are receiving subsidies, we believe the final determination will yield even higher subsidy rates. We also expect an antidumping preliminary determination next month that will result in further duties on Chinese ASF. Such findings will help Maine workers and our customers who depend on using our products where fire safety is critical.”

In the past few months, Congressman Poliquin, along with Senators Susan Collins and Angus King, has strongly advocated for the DOC to combat illegal trade practices from China that are threatening Maine jobs at AMI.

**Items to Note:**

- [ITC Votes Unanimously in Favor of Maine Manufacturer After Letter from Collins, King, Pingree and Poliquin Supports Investigation](#)

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