

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 5, 2020

The Honorable Eugene Scalia
Secretary
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Scalia,

I write in strong support of the recently filed Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) petition filed on behalf of the workers at the Verso Wisconsin Rapids paper mill in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. In June, the company announced that it was idling production and conducting layoffs at its Wisconsin Rapids facility.

The United Steelworkers (USW) stated that while demand has decreased dramatically during the COVID-19 crisis, imports have not declined relative to a decline in demand. It is clear that coated free sheet imports remain directly competitive with Verso's products. As the Department of Labor reviews the petition, I am confident you will find that it meets the requirements for Trade Adjustment Assistance. Such assistance will greatly help these Wisconsin workers.

I ask that you give immediate attention to this matter, as a timely response is needed for the workers and their families. Please keep my office informed on the status of this application. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

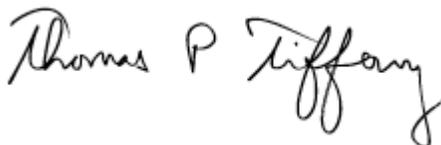
Sincerely,



Ron Kind
Member of Congress



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator



Tom Tiffany
Member of Congress