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Chairman, GSP Subcommittee
Trade Policy Staff Committee
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Mr./Ms. Chairman:

Please accept this letter as a petition requesting that certain articles be removed from duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) from the country of **Malaysia**.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) represents thousands of workers employed in industries that are being harmed by articles being imported under the GSP program.

These industries include the telecommunications products industry where we have suffered the loss of about 30,000 jobs over the past several years; the consumer electronic industry; the semiconductor industry; the emerging High/Advanced Definition Television Industry (HDTV); and other electrical/electronics industry products that are being harmed by the importation of products under the GSP program. More specifically, the above would include products in SIC codes 3563, 3585, 3612, 3613, 3621, 3631, 3635, 3634, 3641, 3643, 3644, 3645, 3651, 3661, 3662, 3671-3, 3674, 3679, 3691, 3695, and 381.

These products should be removed from the GSP list from Malaysia because of the denial of workers' rights. Malaysia is engaging in unfair competition against workers that we represent by denying basic worker rights to those producing these products for export in Malaysia.

The granting of this petition would benefit the workers represented by the IBEW in reducing job losses, the threat of job losses, and the accompanying pressures for further wage and fringe benefit concessions.



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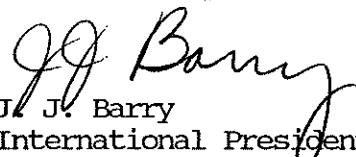
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We are prepared to supply further details as we proceed with our research currently in progress. We are attaching a table for product and employment figures from BLS in a portion of the SICs indicated above which shows that over 100,000 jobs have been lost to U.S. workers. This is a trend that is continuing.

Because our members are daily losing jobs and employment opportunities due to unfair practices by Malaysia, we urge TPSC action on this petition in an expeditious manner.

Respectfully submitted,


J. J. Barry
International President

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Attachment

CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT IN RELEVANT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Industry	SIC	All Employees (in thousands)			
		Annual Average 1985	Annual Average 1987	Annual Average 1989	February 1990
Air and Gas Compressors	3563	24.5	21.0	22.6	22.4
Refrigeration & Heating Equipment	3585	122.2	124.5	130.9	124.0
Transformers	3612	52.4	49.9	52.7	51.4
Noncurrent Carrying Wiring Devices	3644	17.7	15.4	16.8	17.0
Radio & TV Receiving Sets	3651	65.7	61.9	69.9	69.3
Telephone & Telegraph Apparatus	3661	144.1	116.6	102.8	96.3
Radio & TV Communications Equipment	3662	508.6	480.9	435.7	421.3
Engineering & Scientific Instruments	381	83.7	85.5	99.4	100.3
TOTAL		1,018.9	955.7	930.8	902.0

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 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

