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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOSEPH LIEBERMAN

SUBJECT: REQUESTS PRESIDENT TO EXTEND RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS OF MACHINE TOOLS FROM JAPAN AND TAIWAN AND TO INCLUDE NON-COMPUTER CONTROLLED MILLING MACHINES IN THOSE RESTRICTIONS

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January 6, 1991

The Honorable George Bush  
President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you concerning your recent decision to ask Japan and Taiwan to extend restrictions on exports of machine tools to the U.S. for another two years. I applaud that decision, but I ask that you not eliminate non-computer controlled milling machines from the list of machines covered under the agreements.

By eliminating non-computer machines, you may undermine what I understand the intent of the decision: to protect computer controlled machine production. The reason for this is that standard, non-computer milling machines can be readily retrofitted with a computer control package, making them comparable to computer controlled machines. This is a common industry practice and does not require complicated adjustments to the machines.

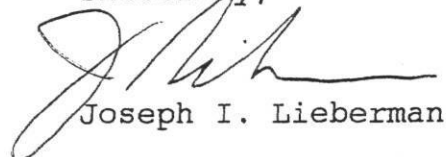
If non-computer machines are left out of a new VRA agreement, then there will be a proliferation of retrofitting of this equipment, effectively circumventing the limits on imported computer controlled machines. This would undermine the intent of the VRA agreement.

I request, therefore, that you reconsider the decision to eliminate machine tools that are not controlled by computers from the new agreement, in order to help the machine tool industry regain their competitive health.

Manufacturing in Connecticut, as in many states across the nation, has suffered a great deal over the last few years. An extension of the machine tool VRA for another two years, including non-computer machine tools, would be of great benefit to the machine tool industry in Connecticut and throughout the country.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph I. Lieberman

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