

June 30, 2010

The Honorable Deanna Tanner Okun  
Chairwoman  
U.S. International Trade Commission  
500 E Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20436

Re: Investigation No. 337-TA-688

Dear Chairwoman Okun:

I am writing to urge you and your fellow commissioners to give full and fair consideration to the submission made by Toyota Motor Corporation in Investigation No. 337-TA-688. I understand that the petitioner in this case is seeking to ban the import of Toyota hybrid vehicles and Toyota hybrid engines into the United States. This petitioner has previously failed in its judicial efforts to ban the imports of Toyota hybrid vehicles and engines, and now seeks that same remedy at a new venue, the International Trade Commission (ITC).

If the petitioner's request is granted, Toyota predicts a devastating impact on the production of its hybrid vehicles in Kentucky, occurring during an already serious economic downturn. Toyota employs nearly 9,400 workers in Kentucky. Of those, over 7,200 work in the Georgetown plant that uses Toyota's hybrid transaxles to produce Camry hybrids. An exclusion order from the ITC, I am informed, would prevent hybrid vehicle production in Georgetown.

Consistent with all applicable law, I urge the Commission when it evaluates the issues in this investigation to consider the serious impact an adverse ruling could have on the thousands of Toyota workers in Kentucky.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

cc: The Honorable Shara L. Aranoff  
The Honorable Charlotte R. Lane  
The Honorable Daniel R. Pearson  
The Honorable Dean A. Pinkert  
The Honorable Irving A. Williamson