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The Honorable Inez Tenenbaum
Chairman
Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East-West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Chairman Tenenbaum and Administrator Jackson:

I write to urge that the tests and evaluations concerning Chinese-imported drywall that are currently underway by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency be completed without further delay. Every day that the results of these tests are delayed means more families pushed into bankruptcy and financial ruin.

I have heard directly from a number of constituents about the extreme emotional, physical, and financial hardship they continue to face as they struggle to maintain payments on houses that have been rendered uninhabitable, while also paying for a place to live and often dealing with health issues stemming from contaminated homes. My office has been working to assist these individuals in exploring what remedies and protections might be available to them. Many of the legal and financial remedies that have been proposed are dependent on the results of the scientific and technical tests currently being conducted by your agencies.

I wish to emphasize my strong belief that a rapid resolution of these assessments is urgently needed.

It is my understanding that the following analyses are currently being conducted:

- Elemental and chemical testing
- Chamber testing
- In-home indoor air sampling
- Electrical and fire safety engineering analyses

These and any other assessments related to Chinese drywall must be completed with all haste, and their results made public without delay. Thank you for your attention to this critically important issue. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Jim Webb
United States Senator