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FYI – I told Commerce I would make sure our policy team was made aware of this issue.

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From: Sox, Kyle [mailto:ksox@sccommerce.com]  
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To: Schimsa, Rebecca  
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Ms. Rebecca Schimsa,

I am working on an expansion project in Sumter County with a Swiss company, EMS Chemie.

This morning, the president informed me that he would be working with a Columbia lawyer to write a letter to Lindsay Graham and Gov. Nikki Haley about the expiration of previously duty-free imports legislation.

I wanted your office to be aware and expect such a letter.

Some federal legislation involving import duty exemptions was allowed to expire during the “fiscal cliff” debates over the holidays. The issue involves Harmonized Tariff Schedule. Specifically the company in Sumter imports a critical raw material that is not available in the US. The duty will increase the cost of this import by as much as 7% and result in \$600,000-700,000 in profit annually for EMS Chemie. Obviously this is a federal legislative issue. It is unclear how this may affect other SC manufacturers.

I have CCed Amy Love on this email at her request.

Best Regards,

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