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MAJORITY LEADER NELSON APPLAUDS U.S. COMMERCE FINDING SUPPORTING LOCAL PAPER INDUSTRY AND JOBS

MADISON – Assembly Majority Leader Thomas Nelson (D-Kaukauna) applauded the U.S. Commerce Department today for finding that China and Indonesia illegally subsidized coated paper industry. The illegal subsidies have negatively impacted Wisconsin papermakers.

“The damaging effects of predatory and unfair trade practices are evident throughout Northeast Wisconsin,” said Representative Nelson. “I applaud the U.S. Department of Commerce for investigating these violations and enforcing our trade rules. Today’s announcement is an important step in the right direction.”

In September, Representative Nelson wrote to U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke to urge him to move quickly on trade case petitions filed against China and Indonesia. The two countries were accused of illegally manipulating the U.S. coated paper market through dumping and illegal subsidies.

The petitions were jointly filed by NewPage Corp., Appleton Coated LLC, Sappi Fine Paper North America, and the United Steelworkers. According to the petitions, coated paper imports from China and Indonesia increased 40 percent between 2008 and 2009, resulting in thousands of jobs losses. A copy of Representative Nelson’s letter and the U.S. Commerce Department decision are attached.

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