

They Said It - The Solar Industry Trade Case

“ Solar tariffs would be another destructive exercise that benefits a handful of Suniva and SolarWorld investors at the expense of everyone else.

- Wall Street Journal Editorial Board ”

“ ALEC opposes the ITC's decision as protectionism that will ultimately harm the U.S. economy and cost American jobs. We urge the President, who will make the final determination on whether to accept or reject the ITC's recommendation, to choose free market principles over protectionism. If President Trump's administration is serious about carrying out their mission to strengthen the U.S. economy and enhance our energy independence, there is no better way to do so than to put a stop to this opportunistic attempt to seek shelter behind our country's trade laws. The ITC should save U.S. trade protections for those who deserve it.

- American Legislative Exchange Council ”

“ If such a remedial floor price or tariff is imposed, we expect that the installed cost of solar projects will increase 30% or more and that demand for modules would contract precipitously. As solar energy is just approaching parity with the traditional grid resources in a number of states, a significant reduction in demand for new solar projects could deliver a serious blow to continuing development and evolution of this market.

- Duke Energy ”

“ Solar energy is one of the most promising sectors in the American economy, providing good construction and manufacturing jobs and valuable products at a low cost to consumers. It's been creating jobs for electricians who install utility scale and rooftop solar systems around the country. These are good, middle-class jobs that promote apprenticeship, community based hiring, and veterans. All this progress would be placed at risk if the government decided to cut off the cells and modules that form the basic ingredients of the U.S. solar supply chain.

- National Electrical Contractors Association ”

“ This trade case threatens the competitiveness of solar power and could negatively impact retailers across the country who have proactively moved to diversify their energy sources.

- National Retail Federation ”

“ The tariffs requested by Suniva and SolarWorld will make solar products and services in America more expensive and less competitive by removing inexpensive, often imported choices from other solar companies and their customers.

- Heritage Foundation ”

“ President Trump has what might seem like an irresistible opportunity for a populist climate-change denier: to crack down on imports and harm the effort to combat climate change all at once. Yet even the briefest of looks shows that slapping tariffs on imported solar cells, as he has been urged to do, would harm far more Americans than it could possibly help.

- The Washington Post Editorial Board ”