

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Mark Warner
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The Honorable Jim Webb
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The Honorable Bill Nelson
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Marco Rubio
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Warner, Webb, Nelson, and Rubio:

Knowing of your interest in and previous work on the issue of toxic drywall manufactured in the China, we wanted to make you aware of ongoing efforts in the House of Representatives to address this issue.

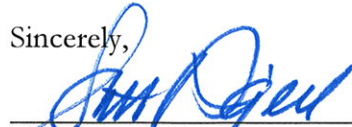
We are convinced that Congress must press forward with a legislative initiative to address this terrible injustice. As co-chairs of the Congressional Contaminated Drywall Caucus we have introduced the Contaminated Drywall Safety Act of 2012 (H.R. 4212).

This legislation:


- Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of State should insist that the government of China force manufacturers to submit to the jurisdiction of U.S. courts;
- Declares Chinese-manufactured drywall to be a banned hazardous substance in accordance with the Consumer Product Safety Act while still allowing the CPSC flexibility to exempt manufacturers of non-hazardous drywall from the ban; and
- Requires the CPSC to issue regulations on the disposal of Chinese drywall and create a standard test to identify such drywall.

Considering your longstanding efforts to address this issue and your reputation as advocates for the victims of Chinese Drywall, we invite and request you to join our efforts by introducing companion legislation in the Senate so that we can move forward with a bipartisan, bicameral solution to prevent more American families from falling victim to this toxic product.

Sincerely,



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Co-Chair, Contaminated Drywall Caucus



Theodore E. Deutch (FL-19)
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