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Dear Secretary Evans:

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the world's largest business federation, representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region of the country, we are submitting the following in response to the Notice published in the Federal Register on November 9, 2001, inviting comments on Kazakhstan's non-market economy ("NME") status. Based on the experience of the U.S. Chamber, its affiliated American Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan and our members, and for the reasons discussed more fully below, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports the revocation of Kazakhstan's NME status under section 771(18) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act").

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has been following the economic developments in Kazakhstan since its independence from the former Soviet Union. We frequently dialogue with Kazakh and American companies who are engaged in business in Kazakhstan, NGOs, Kazakh officials and business and association executives. Our staff has traveled to Kazakhstan on many occasions and we have chartered an American Chamber of Commerce in the country. Recent experience clearly indicates that Kazakhstan's transition fully warrants revocation of its classification as a non-market economy.

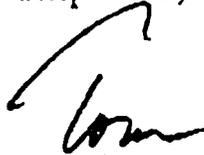
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The current level of foreign investment in Kazakhstan, which is second only to the leading Central European economies, speaks plainly for the business environment in the country. The private sector plays a dominant role in the economy and entrepreneurs enjoy a great measure of economic freedom. We also take Kazakhstan's desire to enter the World Trade Organization seriously.

Recognizing Kazakhstan as a market economy will acknowledge the facts and encourage Kazakhstan to remain on the course of challenging economic reforms. It will also remove an unnecessary cloud over Kazakh perception of American economic policy and business practice towards Kazakhstan.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom", with a large, sweeping flourish above it.

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