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**U.S. Solar Manufacturing Advocates Applaud International Trade Administration for Imposing Solar Countervailing Duties**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The [Defend Solar USA Alliance](#), which advocates for the U.S. solar manufacturing industry, released the following statement commending the U.S. Department of Commerce’s International Trade Administration (ITA) for its preliminary determination to impose countervailing duties on solar cells imported from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam:

*“The initial determination from Commerce further proves that harm is being done to domestic solar manufacturers. When Commerce finishes its full investigation into these unfair practices, we expect the tariffs to align with the reality – companies backed by China’s government aren’t playing by the rules and are undermining America’s workforce, national security, and economy.”*

The Commerce Department imposed the subsidy rates in response to cases brought by [The American Alliance for Solar Manufacturing Trade Committee](#) in April 2024 claiming that the four countries are harming U.S. solar manufacturers through unfair trade practices.

This preliminary determination is an important step toward preventing foreign governments from circumventing our trade laws at the expense of American solar manufacturers and workers.

As we wait for a final determination, it is critical that Congress also pass legislation to stop Chinese-controlled companies from pocketing more than [\\$125 billion](#) in federal tax credits designed to support U.S. clean-energy manufacturers.

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*Strong American solar manufacturing is essential for jobs, energy security and reaching climate goals. The Defend Solar USA Alliance educates policymakers on the conditions facing U.S. solar manufacturers. Learn more at [www.defendsolar.org](http://www.defendsolar.org).*