

facilities in the United States and to transfer productive capacity and employment from the United States to low-wage foreign countries.

This state of affairs has come about because of a lack of balance in U. S. foreign trade policy which emphasizes the removal of U. S. tariffs and other import-regulating means without regard to the impact of such actions upon efficiently conducted U. S. manufacturing industries and the employment provided by such industries. It has occurred because of the failure of existing procedures for foreign trade policy administration adequately to identify the true competitive relationship between U. S. and foreign industries, including a complete and sensitive evaluation of the total array of trade-inhibiting measures, public and private, which benefit and protect the position of foreign producers in competing against U. S. manufacturers in the domestic and export markets.

*A trade policy is required for the future which accepts the necessity of maintaining and fostering the economic welfare and competitive strength of basic and essential U. S. manufacturing industries and in contributing to the standard of living and welfare of the workers of these industries and the communities in which they are located.*

With these criteria in mind, the flat glass industry supports H. R. 13631 and H. R. 13845, which through flexible quotas would provide equitable access to both domestic and foreign produced flat glass in the U. S. market. Recognizing that other basic manufacturing industries are in comparable positions, we also support H. R. 17674, an omnibus import control measure introduced by Mr. Collier of this Committee.

H. R. 17674 would directly impose import quotas on steel, electronic products, footwear, meat products, and flat glass equal to the average annual imports, 1965-1967. It would provide a general procedure under which the products of other industries could be subjected to mandatory import quotas upon proof of import penetration comparable to that which exists in the named industries.