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Lt. General Andrew E. Busch
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Dear General Busch,

Thank you for your service to our nation and your outstanding leadership of the Defense Logistics Agency.

It has been brought to my office's attention that an additional two-foot LED lamp has been approved for use by Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA 05Z). Additionally, this new two-foot LED lamp is produced by a Canadian manufacturer, and I am not aware of the origins of its parts and components. Is there a process for DLA to verify exactly where these parts are manufactured? Your organization recently put out a request for quotation (RFQ) for the two-foot LED lamp, indicating both a United States-made lamp and the Canadian-made lamp. In the interest of protecting our domestic manufacturing base, I would like to know where the components for the Canadian-manufactured LED lamp are coming from.

I strongly support the Buy American Act, especially as it pertains to the Department of Defense. Our service men and women are charged with the difficult yet critical task of protecting our nation every day, so we owe it to them to guarantee their equipment and systems are coming from a trusted source. Further, the Buy American Act works in the interest of American employment. Manufacturing jobs are vital to the economy of Northeast Ohio. We must invest in our own industrial base to ensure that American workers are contributing to, and benefiting from, manufacturing services. Based on U.S. trade agreements with Canada, does the Buy American Act apply in this case? Does the origin of the parts and components play a role in determining how to award this contract?

An LED lamp is not just a light source; it is a high-tech piece of electronic equipment. For that reason, it is extremely important to know where the parts and components come from for this product, and to ensure that the domestic industrial base and U.S. jobs are protected.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

David P. Joyce
Member of Congress