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## North American Graphite Alliance

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### **NAGA Welcomes Tariffs on Natural Graphite from China and Urges Further Action from Biden Administration**

**Washington, D.C.** – The North American Graphite Alliance welcomes the decision from the Biden Administration and United States Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai to place Section 301 tariffs on natural graphite from China, which is used to make lithium-ion battery anode material. The 25% duty will take effect in 2026.

“NAGA is pleased to see that the Biden Administration has placed tariffs on natural graphite from China. This will help NAGA’s natural graphite companies be more cost competitive with China. We now look forward to hearing from the Administration regarding previously excluded graphite products, which have not been subject to tariffs since 2020,” said **NAGA spokesperson Erik Olson**. “And while these tariffs are an important first step, many actions are still needed to build an independent domestic graphite supply chain. NAGA stands ready to work alongside the Administration to accomplish that, beginning with a meeting at the White House in a few weeks.”

NAGA was formed to advocate for the intervention of the federal government to protect North America’s nascent graphite industry. China dominates the global graphite supply chain and abuses its production capability by creating more supply than demand. This oversupply allows China to manipulate the global graphite market by flooding it with cheap, highly subsidized product, driving down prices in a concerted effort to smother foreign competitors. This malicious trade practice makes it challenging for graphite producers to secure the investments necessary to bolster production capacity to the levels needed to meet domestic demand.

In February, as part of its campaign to bring attention to the severity of these issues, NAGA commissioned a novel [report](#) by Oxford Economics. It presents evidence illustrating China’s dominance of the graphite supply chain and anti-competitive behavior, as well as demonstrates how Section 301 tariffs can protect North America’s graphite producers at a critical moment for the industry.

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NAGA represents American and Canadian producers of battery-grade natural and synthetic graphite, both of which are used to create anode material for lithium-ion batteries. NAGA encourages the U.S. Federal government to craft and implement policies, programs, and funding opportunities that support growing the domestic graphite industry.