

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 1, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

The American steel industry and its workers are critical to the nation's economy. The industry that includes producers and fabricators supports nearly two million jobs across the country and has remained an essential industry and continued operations during the pandemic. These companies and workers make an array of products used in automotive, construction, defense, energy, and transportation and rely on a level playing field on which to compete. The industry has continued to make new investments at facilities in the U.S. and is recognized as a global leader in the production of sustainable steel products. The industry is also a critical component for our national security.

As members of the Congressional Steel Caucus, we work closely with industry and labor and recognize the impact that unfairly traded imports and global steel overcapacity have had on the nation's steel sector. The Caucus and its members supported the current tariffs and quotas put into place in 2018 through Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act. This remedy has benefited the industry and we heard from the industry about the benefits of the comprehensive program at our March 5, 2020 Caucus hearing. We concur that it is important that these tariffs and quotas remain in place to ensure the industry can continue its road to recovery.

Before the coronavirus pandemic, the American steel industry and its workers were recovering from repeated surges in unfairly traded steel imports – fueled by unfair trade practices, illegal government subsidies, and other forms of state intervention. The impact of the tariffs and quotas have resulted in significant reductions in imports. In fact, tariffs and quotas have decreased overall steel imports by eight percent.

However, we remain concerned that the industry remains at risk due to the lingering effects of the pandemic. We know that as the U.S. economy begins to recover that it will be an attractive market for foreign producers to pursue. This is why we want to ensure that the existing tariffs and quotas remain in place to ensure that imports do not take a significant share of the U.S. market as the nation begins its economic recovery.

We have worked with the industry and its workers on many initiatives and know that American steel is resilient. The industry is prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead but needs to have the tools to fight trade distorting practices that threaten the industry. Steel is the backbone of our economy, for over a century steel companies, workers, and communities have contributed to the American economy. From spans of steel bridges and beams used in the nation's tallest buildings to steel plates used in the U.S. fleet, steel sheet used in auto production, and pipe and tube products used in a variety of other industries – the footprint of steel is broad and we are reminded of that in our everyday life. We support strong trade measures that will ensure a vibrant industry, good wages, and good quality of life for thousands of Americans across the country.

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As the Biden-Harris administration reviews the existing tariffs and quotas in place on certain steel products, we strongly encourage the continuation of a comprehensive program. Steel is a critical component of the "Build Back Better" recovery plan and through continuation of the tariffs and quotas we can ensure that these companies and their workers can contribute to a robust economic recovery in our nation.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress  
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