

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
House of Representatives
H-204, U.S. Capitol
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

As the House prepares to consider much needed investments in the nation's expansive public works infrastructure, we write to express our expectation that these investments be coupled with strong Buy America policies and constructed with American-made iron, steel, and manufactured products. These commonsense policies are an effective, trade-compliant tool to strengthen the economy and create jobs, while promoting a cleaner economy by rewarding U.S. production that meets our environmental regulations. These commonsense policies also work to shore up our national defense and preparedness as fragile U.S. supply chains have been exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and its recovery efforts.

For more than a century, America's steel industry has supplied the vast needs of our nation's highway, bridge, transit, rail, airport, water, construction, energy, and other critical infrastructure. These markets are critically important to the domestic steel industry and its workers, who continue to face unprecedented challenges due to dumped and subsidized imports and chronic global steel overcapacity. The COVID-19 pandemic has further exacerbated these problems, with demand still lagging its pre-pandemic levels

As the House works to enact measures that will support a robust recovery, it is essential that public infrastructure investments be directed to U.S. production and American workers throughout the steelmaking supply chain. Accordingly, we urge improvements that broaden Buy America application across all forms of federally assisted and direct federal infrastructure spending, while covering more materials beyond iron and steel, closing loopholes, and defending the "all manufacturing processes" standard which ensures that raw steel production occurs here in the United States. Each dollar that is directed overseas is a missed opportunity to revitalize our nation's manufacturing sector and create good wage jobs for American workers. Furthermore, China's state-owned and state-subsidized manufacturers should not have access to American tax dollars.

American manufacturing stands to benefit from both a more efficient network to move goods to market and the increased demand generated for domestically produced iron, steel, and manufactured goods. As members of the Congressional Steel Caucus, we stand ready to work on a meaningful infrastructure package – one that prioritizes U.S. production and American workers.

Sincerely,

/s/

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