

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President-Elect
1717 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006

Dear President-Elect Trump:

We write to express our interest in working with your Administration as it develops its “Buy American, Hire American” initiative to improve domestic preference laws and policies. Such a program could provide a cost-effective way to revitalize domestic mining and manufacturing industries, as well as support American workers, many of whom have been harmed by decades of unfair foreign trade practices.

A comprehensive program to build and rehabilitate our nation’s public works infrastructure using domestically-produced iron, steel, and other manufactured goods and components is in keeping with the intent of America’s longstanding domestic content laws. These laws stipulate that items procured using federal resources should be produced in the United States.

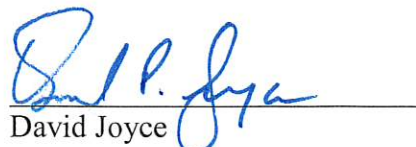
Many infrastructure programs are not subject to any Buy America procurement preference laws. Where such procurement preference policies are applicable, these laws are often not administered effectively – resulting in hard-earned tax dollars leaking overseas and supporting job creation in China and other countries. These gaps in coverage have resulted in major public works projects being constructed with massive amounts of foreign steel and other imported products.

We look forward to working with your administration to conduct a comprehensive review of how Buy America preferences are currently applied and identify opportunities to ensure that American-made goods are used in taxpayer-financed federal-aid infrastructure and are procured by the federal government. American workers are among the most productive in the world and the public has expressed its strong support in ensuring that their tax dollars are used to help create and maintain jobs here at home. For these reasons, we look forward to working with your Administration on strengthening Buy American preferences.

Sincerely,



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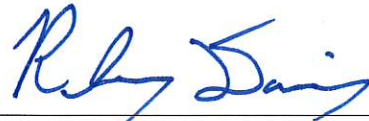
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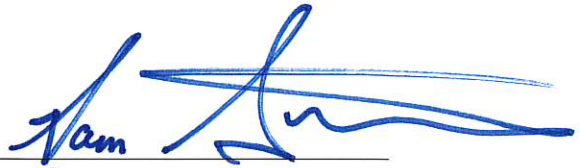
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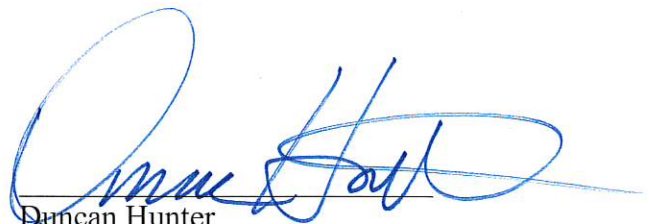
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