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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

We the undersigned organizations representing the American steel industry write to express our strong support for your action to restore 25 percent tariffs on steel imports under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. We applaud this broad tariff coverage as well as the elimination of the steel Section 232 exclusion process that has been exploited as a loophole by foreign producers seeking to avoid tariffs.

Prior to your action to impose tariffs under Section 232 in 2018, repeated surges in steel imports driven by global overproduction in steel threatened our industry and the good-paying jobs it supports. Recognizing the critical role of the steel industry for our nation's defense and its critical infrastructure, your administration imposed a comprehensive program of tariffs and other measures on steel imports in 2018 to protect our national security. These comprehensive Section 232 tariffs allowed the American steel industry to restart idled mills, rehire laid-off workers, and begin investing tens of billions of dollars in new and upgraded plants. Furthermore, despite the opponents' rhetoric, steel Section 232 tariffs were not inflationary for U.S. consumers.

Unfortunately, over the subsequent years many country-wide and product-specific exemptions to the tariffs were granted, eroding the effectiveness of the steel Section 232 measures. As a result, foreign government subsidies and other market-distorting policies and unfair trade practices have led to increased overproduction of steel in foreign markets. The degradation of the Section 232 tariffs and out-of-control global excess steel production led to increases in steel imports and imports of downstream derivative products, once again threatening the viability of domestic steel producers and U.S. national security. We are also concerned that certain countries have been working in concert with the Chinese government-owned steel industry to evade duties against China and ask that you consider taking swift additional tariff action against imports from these countries if import surges occur after March 12.

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We welcome and applaud your actions to restore the integrity of the Section 232 tariffs on steel and your commitment to restoring a level playing field for American steel producers and their workers. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your administration to ensure the health and competitiveness of the American steel industry, which serves as the backbone of the entire manufacturing sector.

Sincerely,

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