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Immediate Attention Requested

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**To: Members of the House Steel Caucus
House staff assigned to steel and/or trade issues**

PLEASE SUPPORT the Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Act (CARS) of 2009

Background. The CARS Act encourages the early retirement of inefficient, high polluting vehicles by providing consumers with incentives for the purchase of more fuel efficient automobiles, while requiring that dealerships send the inefficient vehicles to be recycled. This legislation will achieve a quicker reduction in greenhouse gasses and increase the use of recycled materials in the manufacturing of new vehicles.

Every year, the scrap recycling industry processes 12-16 million vehicles. Each vehicle saves the equivalent of 502 gallons of oil and reduces nearly 9,000 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions in the manufacturing process.

The AISI Board of Directors has long identified environmental stewardship as part of our industry's strategic plan and our vision for the future. Since 1975, steel companies have invested over \$60 billion in new technologies resulting in a 33 percent reduction in energy intensity per ton of steel produced since 1990. Further, in 2007, the steel industry's recycling rate reached an all-time high of 82.5 percent – saving enough to power 18 million homes.

As such, passing the CARS Act will support the domestic auto industry at a time when it desperately needs it, while also having a positive two-fold effect on the environment, by both reducing emissions and saving energy.

Situation. The House may vote as early as tomorrow on the CARS Act of 2009.

Request: Please support this legislation and help save energy, reduce greenhouse gasses and assist in stimulating the economy by replacing older, less energy efficient vehicles with more state-of-the-art climate responsible automobiles.

Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of American manufacturing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Gibson".

Thomas J. Gibson
President and CEO