

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. President:

As Chairs of the Congressional Steel Caucus, we are writing regarding the recently delivered Section 232 investigation to address the national security implications of the continued surge of foreign steel imports into the United States and to seek a briefing on the report and the Administration's potential timeline for action on its recommendations. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

As you know, the domestic steel industry has been battered by a flood of imports, many of which are unfairly traded or are produced by subsidized state-owned enterprises in non-market economies, such as China, in quantities well in excess of global demand. These unfairly traded imports and the negative price effects of the excess global capacity of steel have led to the idling of a great deal of United States steel production and the direct and indirect loss of thousands of American jobs and economically harmed communities.

A strong and viable domestic steel industry is essential to America's national security. In applications ranging from aircraft carriers and nuclear submarines to Patriot and Stinger missiles and armor plate for tanks to field artillery pieces, virtually every military platform is dependent on U.S.-produced steel. In addition, our nation's critical infrastructure, including our bridges, roadways, waterways, rail, energy infrastructure, electric grid, and drilling equipment for energy production, relies on domestically-produced steel. The continued production of this steel has come under threat in recent years, in large part due to repeated surges in steel imports driven by the global over-capacity and other foreign trade-distorting subsidies, policies, and practices.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) estimated that last year global excess capacity totaled nearly 700 million metric tons, leading the OECD to say in a written statement that "excess capacity remains at alarmingly high levels." This over-capacity has resulted in the loss of jobs for thousands of hard-working Americans in the domestic steel sector. We are gravely concerned due to the impact of this ongoing crisis and remain hopeful that you will take meaningful action.

In closing, we once again want to express our appreciation for your concerns about the economic welfare of the men and women of the United States steel industry and their contributions to our national security. We look forward to hearing from your administration on the Section 232 investigation.

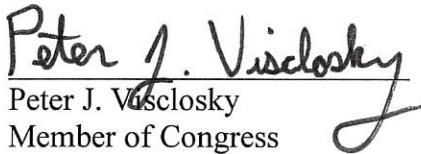
Sincerely,



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