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Opening Statement

Good morning and thank you for being here.

And thank you to the members of the steel industry who made being here a priority – your perspective is invaluable. I will keep my comments short so we can give our witnesses time to help us understand how we can assist them and their employees.

Recent years have been quite active for the steel industry. Since I became a co-chair of the Steel Caucus, trade has been the front and center issue, specifically, keeping rogue nations from dumping sub-par product into the U.S.

In 2019, import market share was at its lowest level since the Great Recession, enabling companies to expand and add jobs. These positive results illustrate why we must continue aggressively enforcing our trade laws.

I have the frequent opportunity to visit with many of you and I am looking forward to hearing from the witnesses new to this event. Most importantly, I want to know how we, as Steel Caucus leadership, can continue to be your advocates in Congress and to the Administration to ensure you get a fair shake here in America and on the international stage. We have some of the best steel and steel products being produced in all of America in my district – as I'm sure my colleagues do in their districts.

Thank you for being here today and with that, I yield back.