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Immediate Attention Requested

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To: Staff for Members of the Congressional Steel Caucus

Please Sign the Attached Steel Caucus Letter Supporting Section 232 Tariffs

Background: In 2018, President Trump imposed tariffs and quotas under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 following a finding by the U.S. Department of Commerce that “present quantities and circumstances of steel imports” threatened to impair U.S. 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.

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. This has 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.

Situation: On February 10, 2025, President Trump issued a new proclamation, finding that alternative arrangements to Section 232 tariffs had failed to provide effective long-term relief from the threat posed by steel imports into the United States, and therefore determined it was necessary to reinstate the 25 percent tariff on steel imports from all countries. These tariffs went into effect on March 12, 2025.

Request: Co-sign the attached letter being circulated by Steel Caucus Chairman Rick Crawford (R-AR-01), and Vice Chairman Frank Mrvan (D-IN-01). The American steel industry has long benefited from the bipartisan support of the Congressional Steel Caucus, and as we move forward it is imperative that we continue to show a united front as we combat the threats our domestic industry faces. To sign on to the letter, please contact James Hodges (james.hodges@mail.house.gov) in Chairman Crawford’s office, or Jamie Spitz (jamie.spitz@mail.house.gov) in Vice Chairman Mrvan’s office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Dempsey".

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