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Immediate Attention Requested

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**To: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives
House staff assigned to steel, manufacturing and/or environmental issues**

Support the FENCES Act (H.R. 6409) and the FIRE Act (H.R. 6387)

Background: The American steel industry leads the world in clean and energy-efficient steel production, making steel with lower CO₂ emissions intensity than the other major steel-producing countries. However, certain aspects of the Clean Air Act (CAA) can result in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) placing complex air regulatory requirements on industrial facilities that constrain important investments in American facilities, while providing limited benefits to human health or the environment. These constraints ultimately inhibit expansion and growth of domestic industries and can lead to the offshoring of valuable jobs to countries with lax environmental regulations. This result benefits no one as American jobs are lost and global net pollution is increased.

Situation: Two bills: the FENCES Act (H.R. 6409) and the FIRE ACT (H.R. 6387) will allow EPA to take a common-sense approach to CAA regulations. The FENCES Act from Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX-11) would clarify that emissions emanating from outside of the U.S. can be excluded from national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) attainment designation decisions. The FIRE Act from Rep. Gabe Evans (R-CO-08) would similarly allow air emissions resulting from exceptional events, like forest fires, to be excluded from attainment designations. The bills will update the CAA to reduce the complexity and burden associated with permitting, allowing companies to make investments and create jobs while maintaining the highest level of environmental performance.

Request: Please vote in support of the FENCES Act (H.R. 6409) and the FIRE Act (H.R. 6387) when they are considered on the House floor this week. Doing so will continue to foster ongoing air quality improvements while enabling economic growth at American steel industry facilities.

Sincerely,

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

Kevin M. Dempsey
President and CEO