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**Steelgram**

**Immediate Attention Requested**

**September 29, 2021**

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

**SUPPORT H.R.3684 - THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT**

**Background:** In its most recent Infrastructure Report Card, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) gave U.S. infrastructure a D+ grade. The failure of our nation to invest in infrastructure carries serious economic, safety and security risks. Crumbling bridges, bursting water pipes, poorly developed energy systems and congested highways jeopardize American lives and the ability to facilitate commerce throughout the country. The American steel industry relies upon the nation's road, rail, and water transportation network to move its raw materials and steel products. Inefficient and delayed modes of transportation, caused by limited public investments in recent years, hinder the competitiveness of the American steel industry.

**Situation:** In August, the Senate passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act by a vote of 69-30. The bipartisan bill was the result of extensive negotiations between the Biden administration and key senators from both parties. The bill funds key infrastructure investments, including extensions of important Department of Transportation programs to repair and modernize our national system of roads and bridges over the next five years. Additionally, the bill would fund critical and necessary investments in our nation's ports and waterways, drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, electricity grid and electric vehicle systems. It would also maintain and expand long-standing Buy America provisions, guaranteeing that taxpayer dollars are used to procure steel produced in the United States. Overall, this bill would provide a tremendous boost to steel, as demand for American steel could increase by as much as five million tons for every \$100 billion of new investment.

**Request:** Please vote in support of H.R.3684, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, when it is considered by the full House on Thursday, September 30. This bipartisan legislation will modernize our national infrastructure, strengthen our economy, and create new jobs. These investments will enhance the competitiveness of the American steel industry, which is the cleanest and most energy efficient of the leading steel industries in the world, while increasing demand for essential steel products.

Sincerely,

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

Kevin M. Dempsey  
President and Chief Executive Officer