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The Honorable Rob Portman
United States Senate
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Rice
United States House of Representatives
512 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Portman and Congressman Rice:

On behalf of the U.S. producer member companies of the American Iron and Steel Institute, I am writing to express our strong support for your recently introduced legislation entitled the Healthy Workplaces Tax Credit Act (S. 4214 and H.R. 7615).

This legislation will help businesses ensure the safety of their employees through a refundable tax credit to cover a portion of the costs incurred for increased testing, personal protective equipment (PPE), disinfecting, extra cleaning and reconfiguring of work spaces to adhere to social distancing guidelines. This assistance is essential as many businesses continue to suffer from significantly reduced revenues because of the COVID-19 driven decline in economic activity throughout our economy. Incentivizing these important investments to bolster worker and consumer health and safety will allow all sectors of the economy to take the necessary steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. This will not only benefit public health, but it will assist in the successful reopening of our economy.

As Congress considers the next phase of COVID-19 relief legislation, we urge that this legislation be included. Thank you for your continued support of domestic steelmakers and other U.S. manufacturers and their workers.

Sincerely,

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

Kevin M. Dempsey
Interim President and Chief Executive Officer