July 21, 2021

The Honorable Anthony Gonzalez  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2458 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Conor Lamb  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1224 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Gonzalez and Lamb,

On behalf of the producer member companies of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), I am writing to express our support for the “Steel Upgrading Partnerships and Emissions Reduction Act” or the “SUPER Act of 2021.” AISI’s membership is comprised of integrated and electric arc furnace steelmakers, and associate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry.

As you know, the American industry is the cleanest and most energy efficient of the leading steel industries in the world. Of the seven largest steel producing countries, the U.S. has the lowest CO₂ emissions per ton of steel produced and the lowest energy intensity. Steel producers in the U.S. are undertaking significant efforts to further reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and consumption of energy. These commitments include advancements in domestic production using direct reduced iron (DRI) and hot briquetted iron (HBI), increased use of renewable electricity and research to assess the use of carbon capture technology and hydrogen in the steelmaking process.

We understand that the focus of the SUPER Act is the Department of Energy’s coordination of research and development efforts related to future breakthrough technologies that will facilitate further reductions in emissions by steel producers in the United States. AISI supports these goals. Focusing Federal efforts on research and development into breakthrough technologies, rather than funding investments into existing technologies that are already deployed by the private sector, is an important and appropriate role for government in our view.
Again, we appreciate your work on this legislation and support for the domestic steel industry. We look forward to working with you as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Dempsey
President and Chief Executive Officer
American Iron and Steel Institute